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This happened before summer vacation!!

"Hard-core"...

It can also describe someone who is intense about matters of romance.

WHAT A BUNCH OF LIGHT-WEIGHTS...

HEAVEN

...sometimes describes a delinquent who is physically strong and violent.

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Ai Katai
First-Year,
Kisai High

Is Katai hard-core?

GRAP

THEY'RE ALL SOFT-CORE!!

Communication 182: Hard-Core

HERE'S MY CLASS-ROOM.

FLINCH

?!

BAM

WHAT'S UP.

SHE DRESSES LIKE A GANG-STER!!

SHE'S COMING IN!!

Yikes !!

SHE MUST BE IN OUR CLASS!!

HAS SHE BEEN SKIPPING SCHOOL UNTIL NOW?!

WHO'S THAT?

A DELIN-QUENT!!

...THE STUDENTS ALL LOOK SO PATHETIC!

THEY'RE ALL SOFT-CORE!

I DIDN'T WANNA GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL AS MY STUPID BROTHER, SO I CAME HERE, BUT...

TCH... I NEVER SHOULDA COME!

Ooh! What a mancake! ♥

BABWUMMMP☆

AI KATAI ♥

SPARKLE

SPARKLE

UH-OH! THAT WASN'T VERY HARD-CORE OF ME!!

HEAVEN AND HARD

GASP

GAH!

WHAT JUST HAP-PENED ?!

THOK

FLINCH

PULL YOURSELF TOGETH-ER!!

BABWUMMMP♥

...!

Unh?

HI! YOU'RE AI KATAI, RIGHT?!

WHAT A PLAIN GIRL.

And overly friendly.

AI

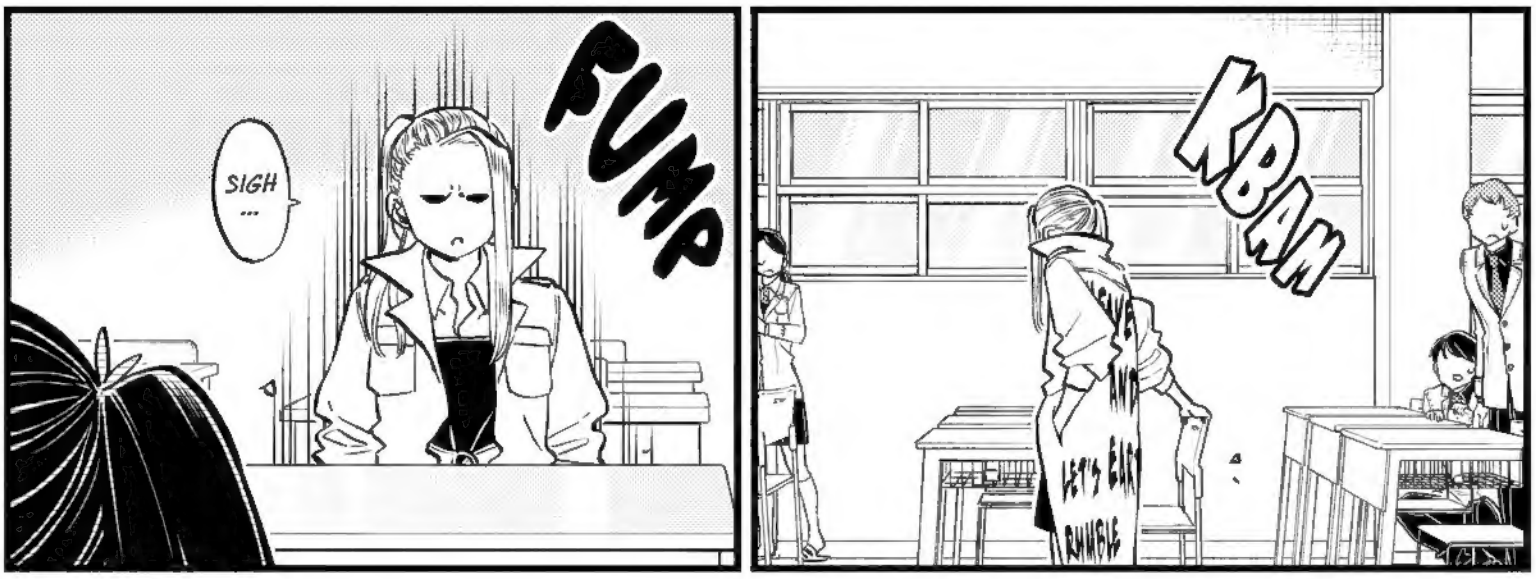
I'M CLASS PRESIDENT HITOMI TADANO!

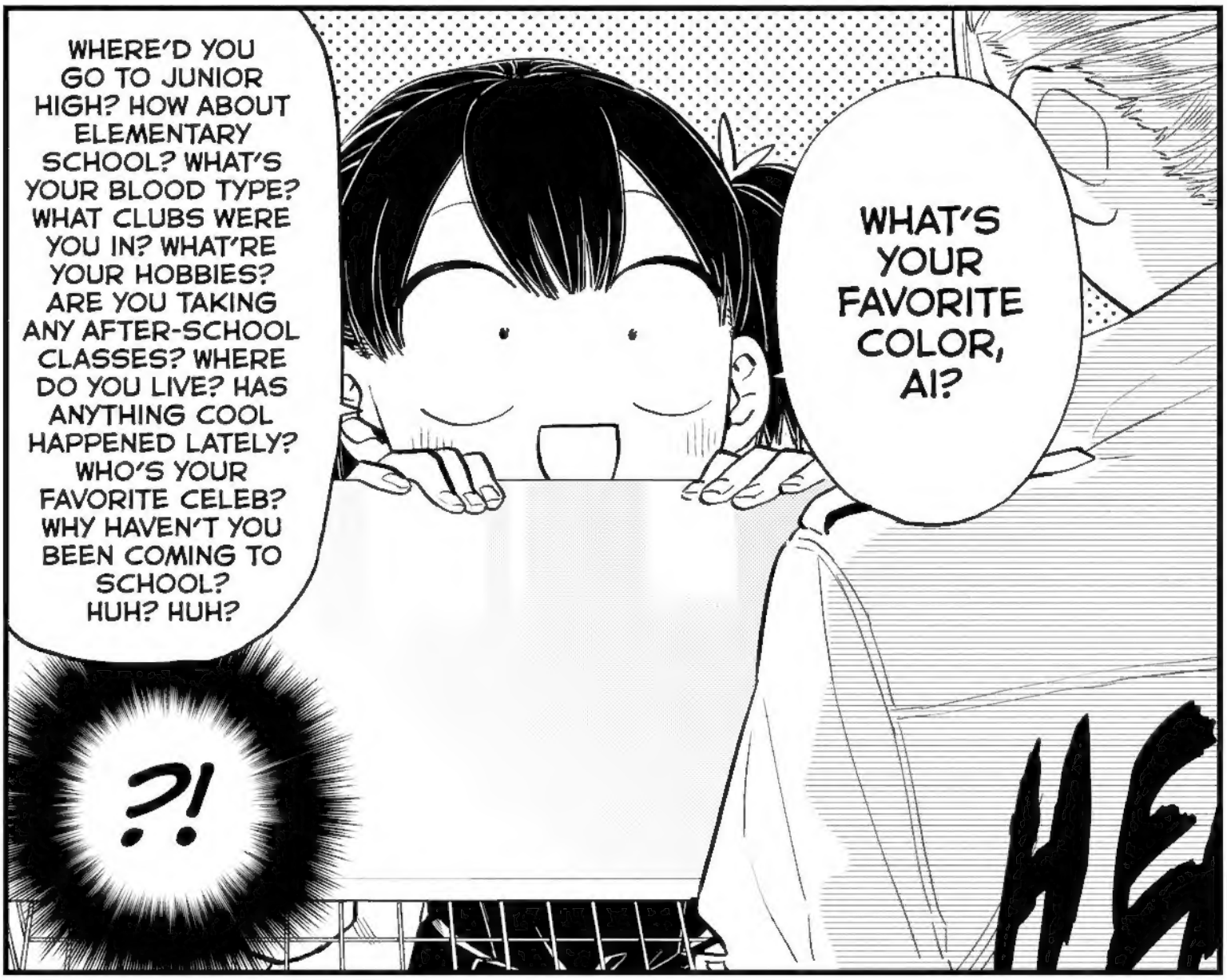
...!

YES! HARD-CORE!

HEAVEN AND EARTH

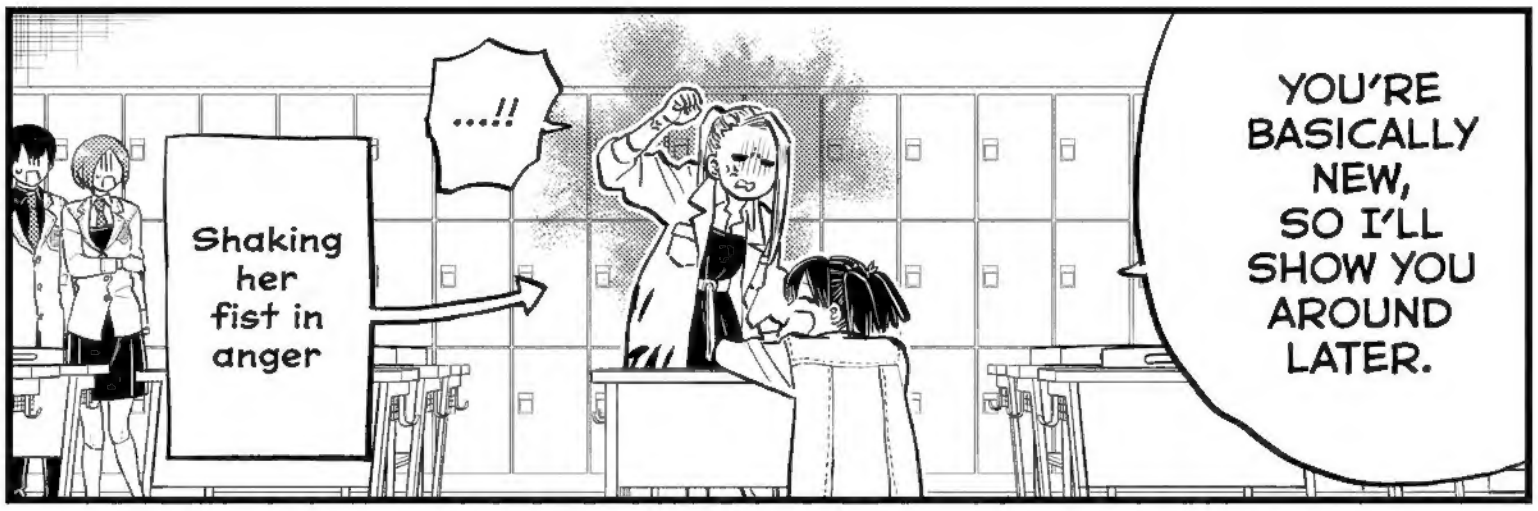
OUTTA THE WAY. I'M A LONER.

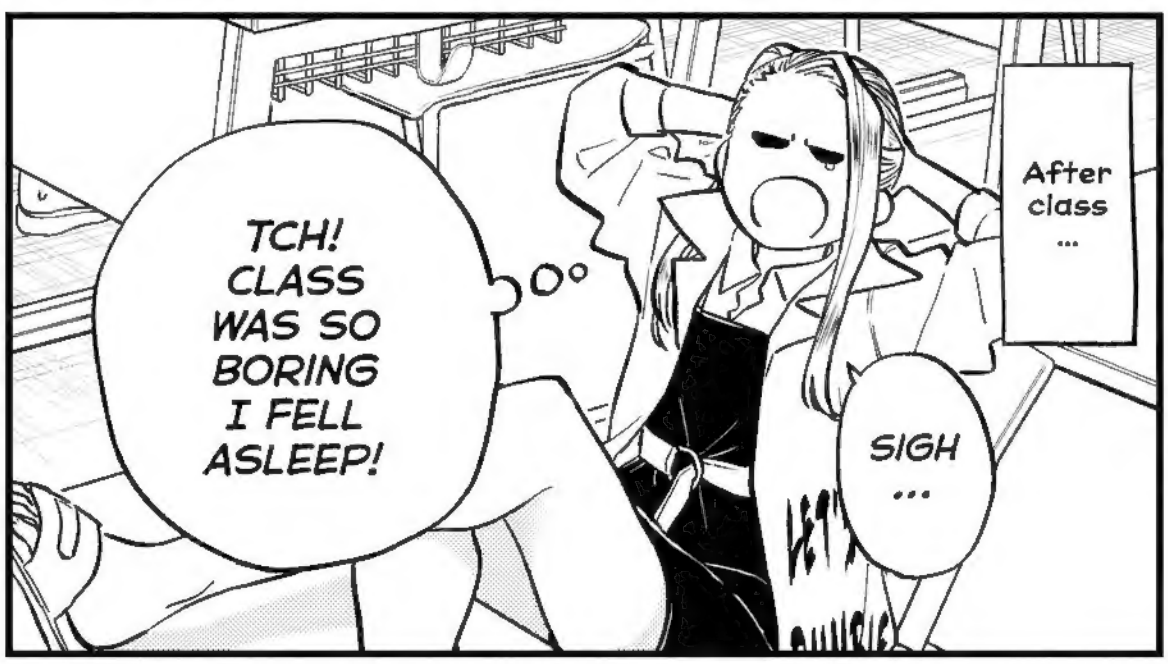

SIGH
...
PUMP
KBAM


WHERE'D YOU GO TO JUNIOR HIGH? HOW ABOUT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL? WHAT'S YOUR BLOOD TYPE? WHAT CLUBS WERE YOU IN? WHAT'RE YOUR HOBBIES? ARE YOU TAKING ANY AFTER-SCHOOL CLASSES? WHERE DO YOU LIVE? HAS ANYTHING COOL HAPPENED LATELY? WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE CELEB? WHY HAVEN'T YOU BEEN COMING TO SCHOOL? HUH? HUH?
?!
WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE COLOR, AI?
HE

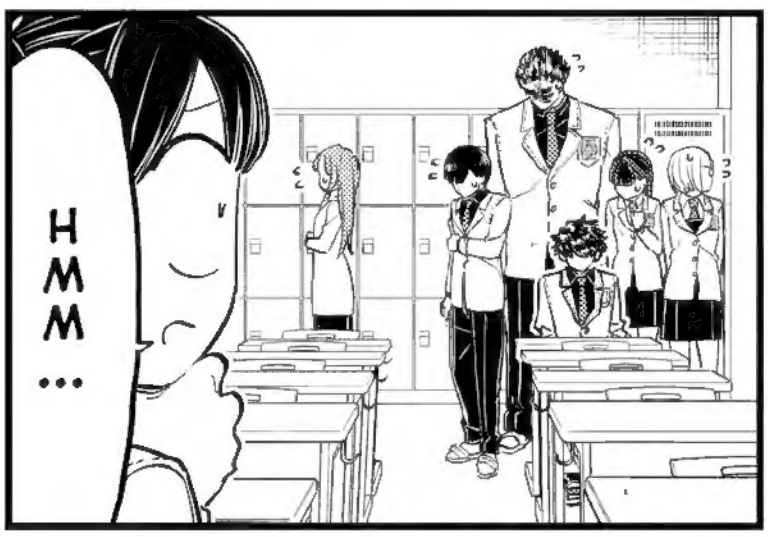
TEE HEE! SURE, WHATEVER.
Unh ?!
KLATTER
BEAT IT! I'M A LONER!

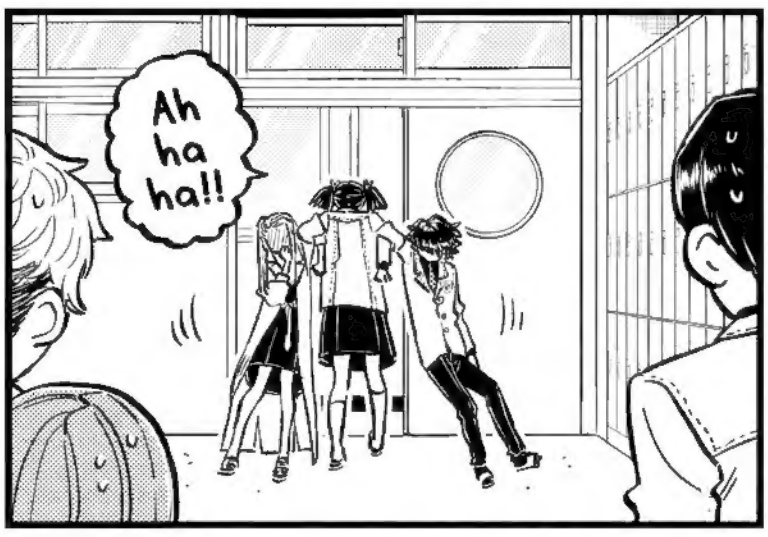
I KNOW YOU ACTUALLY WANT FRIENDS, SO I'LL HELP!
DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?!
FWP

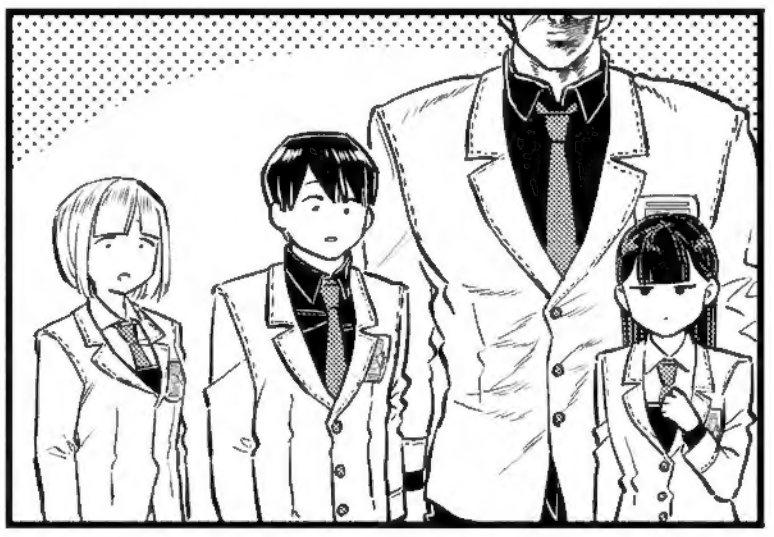

YOU'RE BASICALLY NEW, SO I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND LATER.
...!!
Shaking her fist in anger


After class ...
TCH! CLASS WAS SO BORING I FELL ASLEEP!
SIGH ...

Extreme Reluctance







...

AND THIS IS HOME EC.

...

THIS IS THE SCIENCE LAB.

I'M A DELIN-QUENT! WE COME FROM DIFFERENT WORLDS!

TCH! I'M OUTTA HERE!

SO LONG, CHUMPS.

HEAVEN AND EARTH

I AIN'T COMIN' HERE AGAIN ANYWAY.

DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?!
WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE COLOR?

YO, KATAI!! GET YOUR BUTT OUT-SIDE!!
BA BAM BAM HAOOGA
WARRIOR WOMAN
A BEEFED-UP BICYCLE ?!
BIKE LIGHT
I KNOW YOU'RE HERE!!
TOOT TOOT

TCH! THOSE TRAMPS !!

AI?!

GA HA HA! NOW I GOT A HOSTAGE! SHOW YOURSELF OR I'LL PUT HIM SIX FEET UNDER!!

KEH!

YOU WANNA PLAY ROUGH, EH?

WHOA! AN ACTUAL GANG FIGHT!

THE RUMOR WAS RIGHT! YOU'RE AT A SCHOOL FOR *SQUARES!!*

SO WE GRUNTS CAME TO GET EVEN!!

SOB SOB

BOSS

WARRIOR WOMAN

BOSS IS STILL SORE YOU BUSTED HER WHEELS!!

SH- SHUT UP!!

WARRIOR WOMAN

WELL, SHE SHOULDN'A COME THROUGH MY NEIGHBORHOOD AT NIGHT BLASTIN' MIKI KITANO!

WITH THAT LITTLE THING?!

All

Butter knife

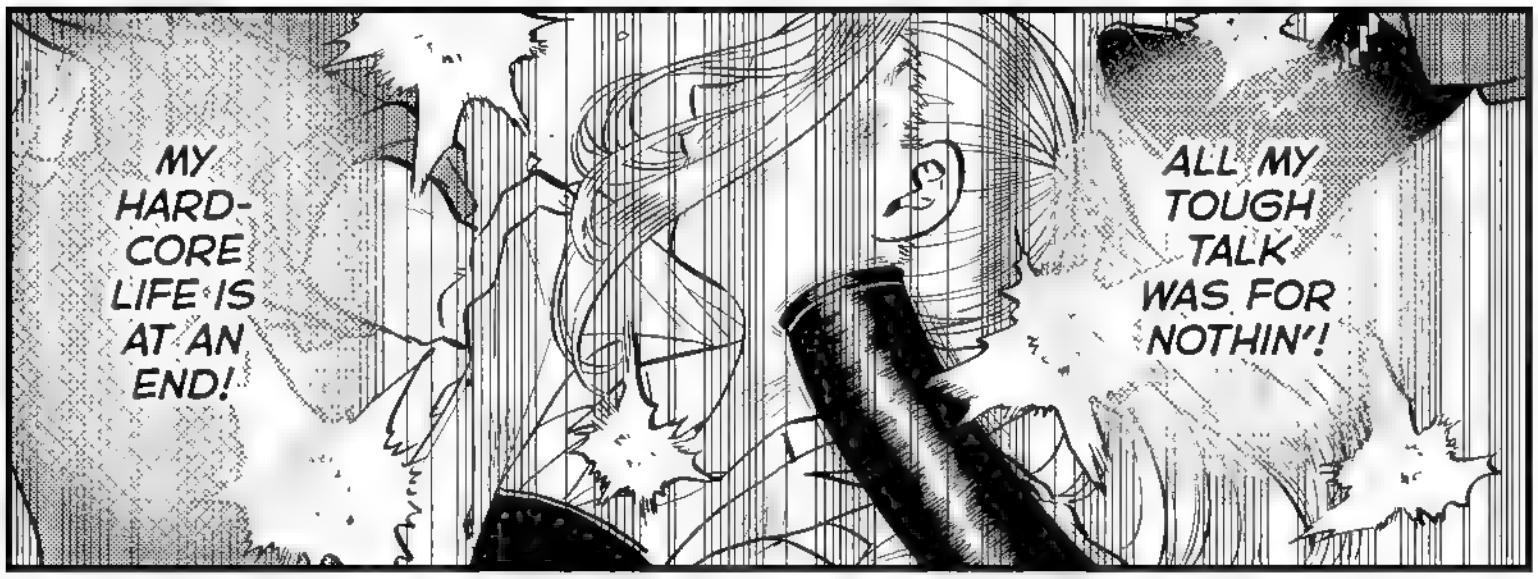
WARRIOR WOMAN

YOU WANT I SHOULD CUT HIM?!

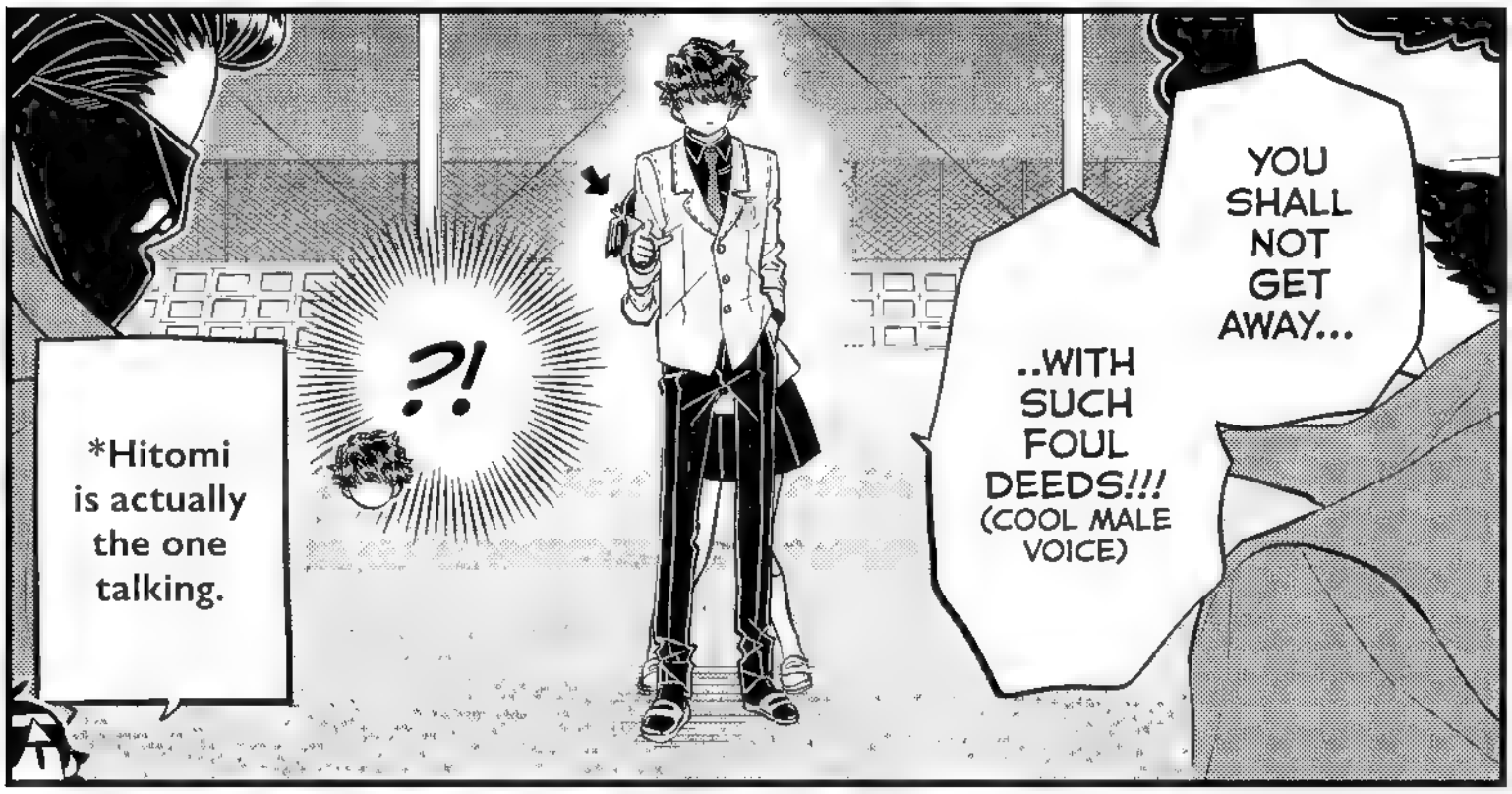
!

LET'S PUMMEL AND

WHOA, HARD-CORE!!
All
...BUT LEAVE THE DWEEB OUTTA THIS!
DO WHAT YOU WANT WITH ME...
HEAVEN AND
BUT IF WE DO THAT, THEN YOU'LL ATTACK!
H-HARD-CORE!!
I AIN'T GONNA ASK TWICE!
GET HER, GIRLS!
G...


MY HARD-CORE LIFE IS AT AN END!
ALL MY TOUGH TALK WAS FOR NOTHIN'!

!!
CLOP
STOP!


?!
*Hitomi is actually the one talking.
..WITH SUCH FOUL DEEDS!!! (COOL MALE VOICE)
YOU SHALL NOT GET AWAY...

DUDE'S HAND-SOME!
SUPER HAWT!
W-WHAT?! GO PLAY HERO SOMEWHERE ELSE!

WAFFL WOMA

S-sure!

STOP DROOLIN' AND BEAT 'IM UP!!

WAFFL WOMA

SCUFF

...

WE'RE GIRLS, SO YOU AIN'T TAKIN' US...

CBO

MP

...SERI-OUS.

FIRST POINT!

HYAH!

?!

?!

GYAAAAAH

HYAH!
HYAH!
HYAAAH!!!

?!

HMPH!

PAT
PAT

WHAT?! DID YOU BEAT THEM UP?!

?!

HEY...

HEAVEN

FWIP

...

...IS SO HARD-CORE!!

Barely did anything

WALKING AWAY IN SILENCE...

I THINK I'M IN LOVE!!

The next day!!

"Hard-core"...

It can also describe someone who is intense about matters of romance.

UM...

...sometimes describes a delinquent who is physically strong and violent.

TADAH

?!

...P-PLEASE, EAT THIS FOR LUNCH!!

Being hard-core can also be...

PAT

...

HEAVEN AND EARTH

UWAAAAH

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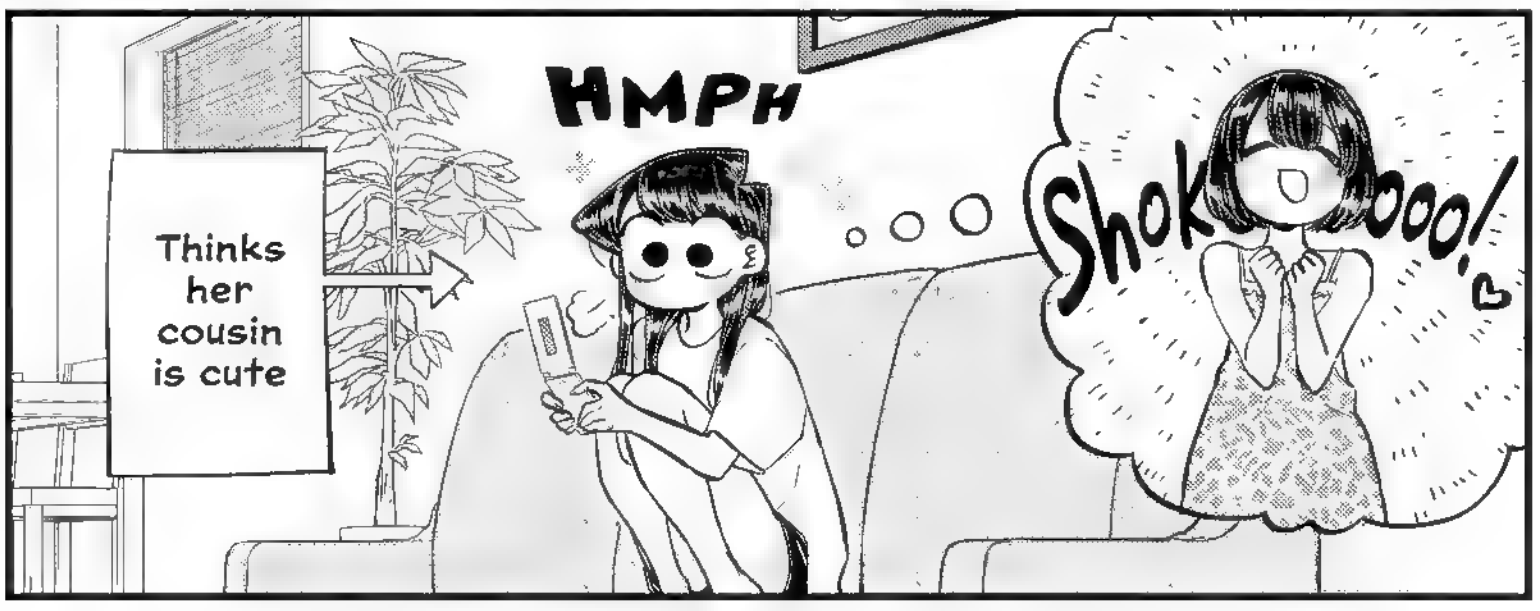
FW
Come early and play with me!
From KOMI, AKIRA
Sub OBON
HEY, SHOKO!
ARE YOU VISITING GRANDMA THIS YEAR? WE'RE GOING EARLY, ON THE 13TH!
COME EARLY AND PLAY WITH ME!
IP
Hey, Shoko! Are you visiting Grandma this year?
We're going early, on the 13th!



YOU WANT TO GO EARLY THIS YEAR?
...
WE PLANNED ON GOING ON THE 15TH, BUT...
!
...YOU CAN TAKE THE SHINKANSEN AHEAD OF US!
H-HMPH

Worried about going alone
NOW FOR THE SHINKANSEN-FARE PRESENTATION CEREMONY! TA-DA-DUM!
!
I SAID THE SHINKANSEN, BUT YOU CAN GO HOWEVER YOU LIKE, AND...

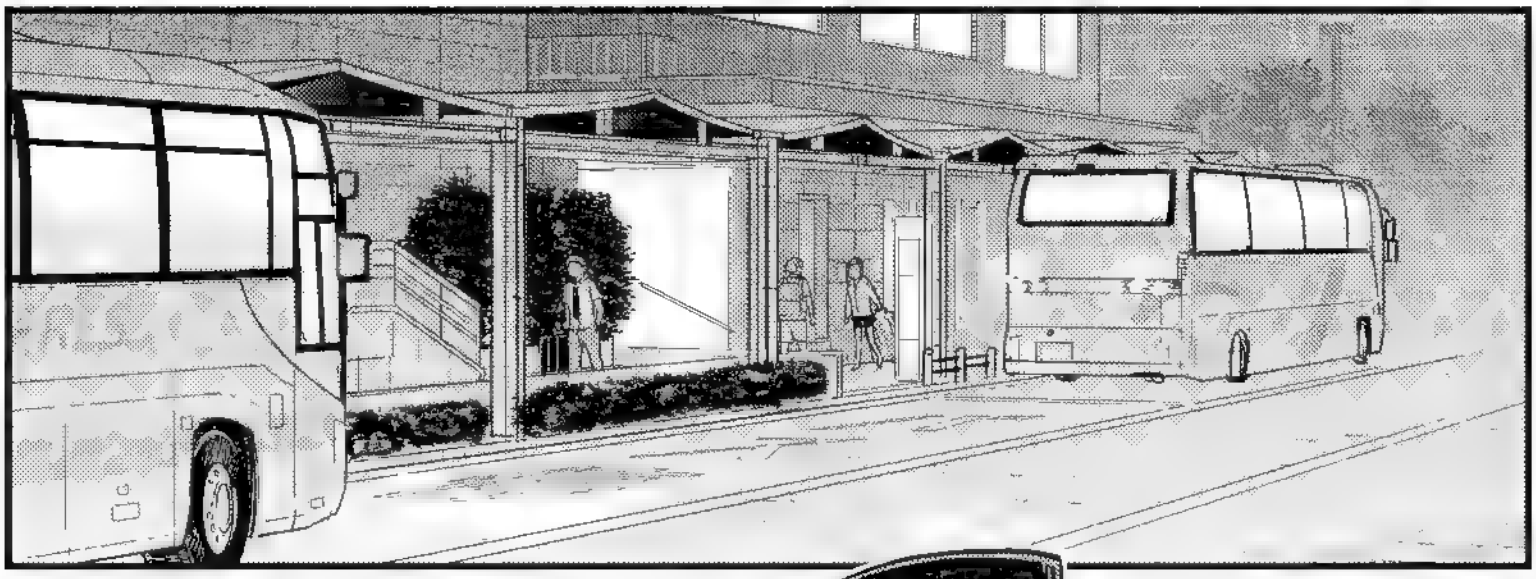
...ANY LEFT-OVER MONEY IS YOURS TO KEEP.

Wonders why he's going too

...

FWP

Communication 183: Bus Trip



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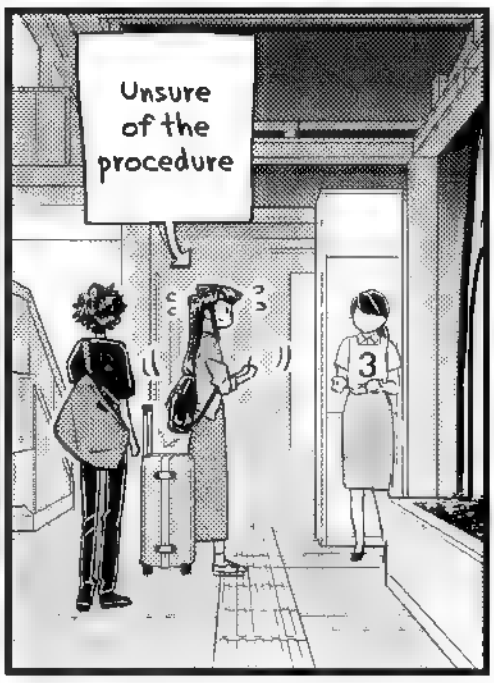
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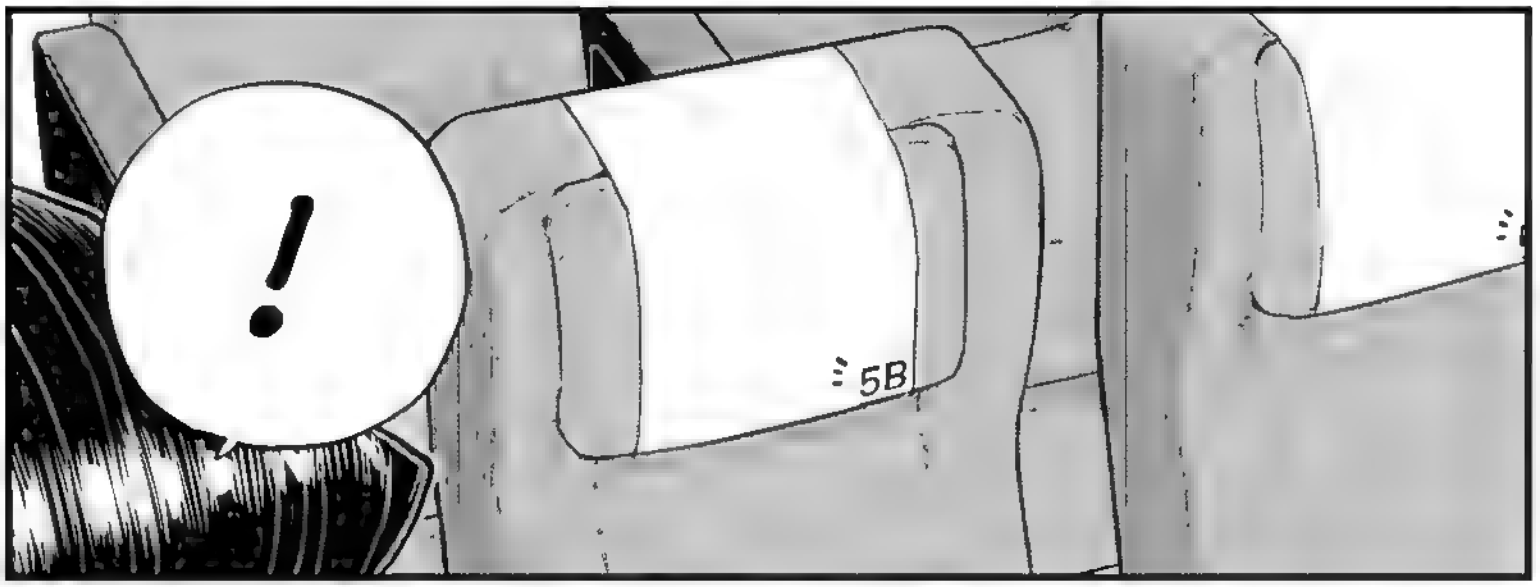

!
5B

...
POINK POINK
Pointing out their seats like a good big sister

5A

...
Quite pleased with herself so far
YAY

Increasingly uneasy as seats fill in

FIDGET

FIDGET

Wants to recline her seat

Komi is in a jam.

Anyway, can she even speak?

But she doesn't want to disturb anyone.

TREMBLE

Realizes she should ask the person behind her first

?!

STREEETCH

Shosuke already did it.

GWOOOO

?!

(2 degrees)

TUNK

???

BOW

YAAAY

...

?!

...AND SOF HUERIJFN.

...WITH A SCHEDULED QORTJF NBCYW.

TODAY, WE'LL BE EKFHSF KFJIE...

Common Bus-Trip Experience 1

The drivers are incompre-hensible.

?!

FFJD ASW YOU HU FIUGIJ.

...WOD VIJOERJ SO WOKD DLBFSUE...

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

Common Bus-Trip Experience 2

Everyone else looks comfy.

?!

?!

?!

Didn't prepare a thing

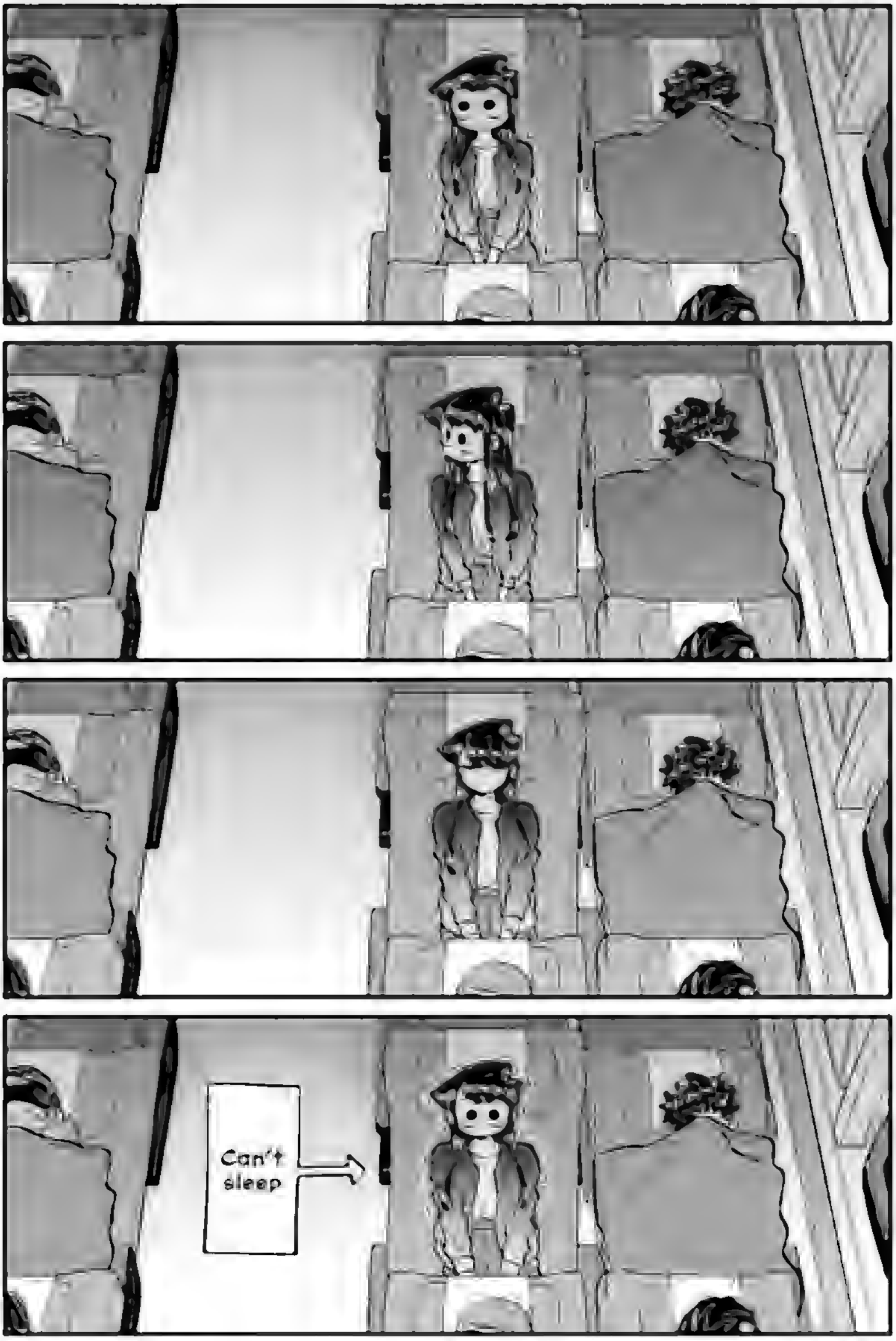
?!

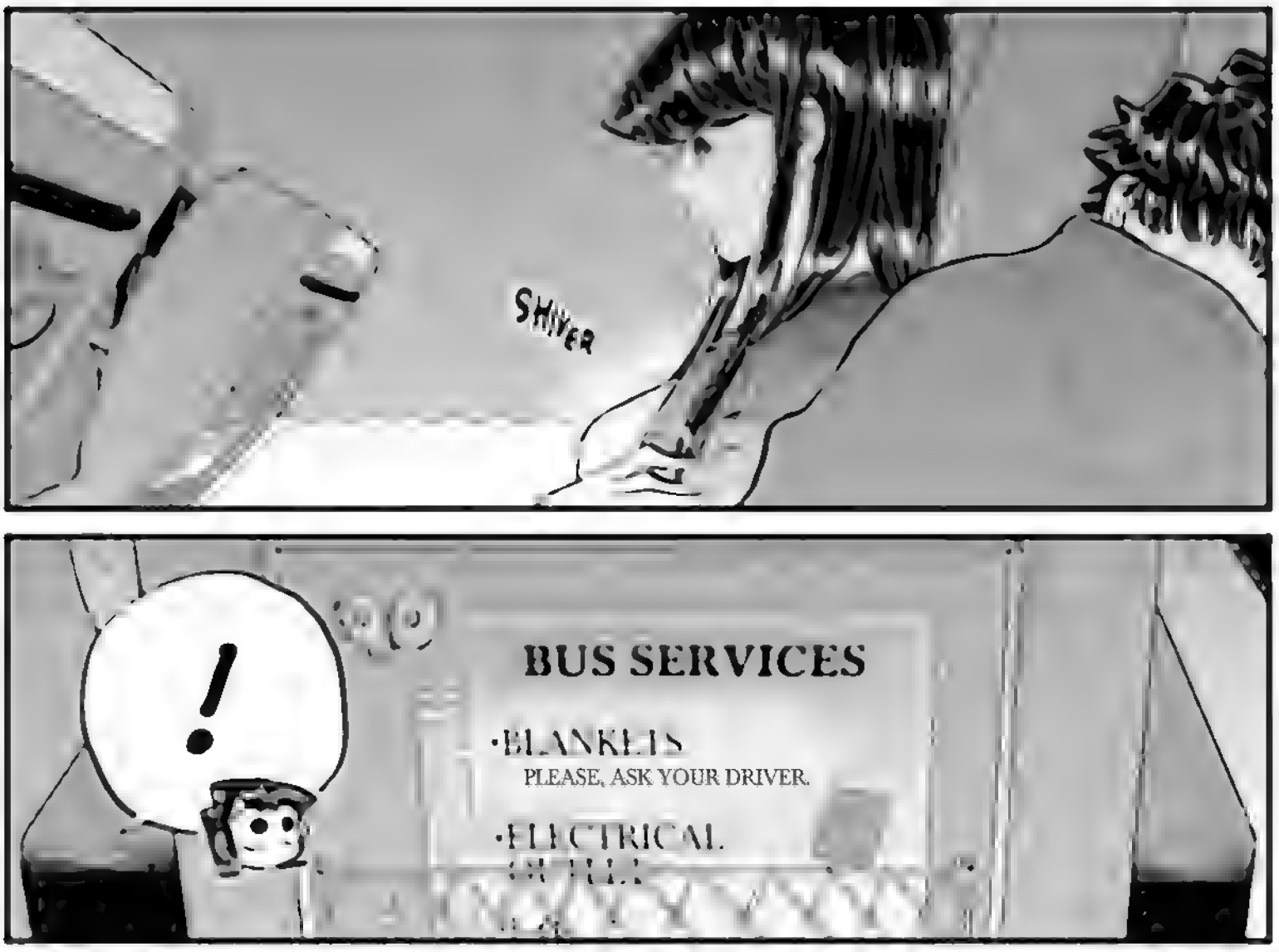
Got a blanket and conked out

KJHGF BYGY LIGHTS OUT.

?!

FWSH


Can't sleep


SHIVER
!
BUS SERVICES
·BLANKETS
PLEASE, ASK YOUR DRIVER.
·ELECTRICAL
...
...
...

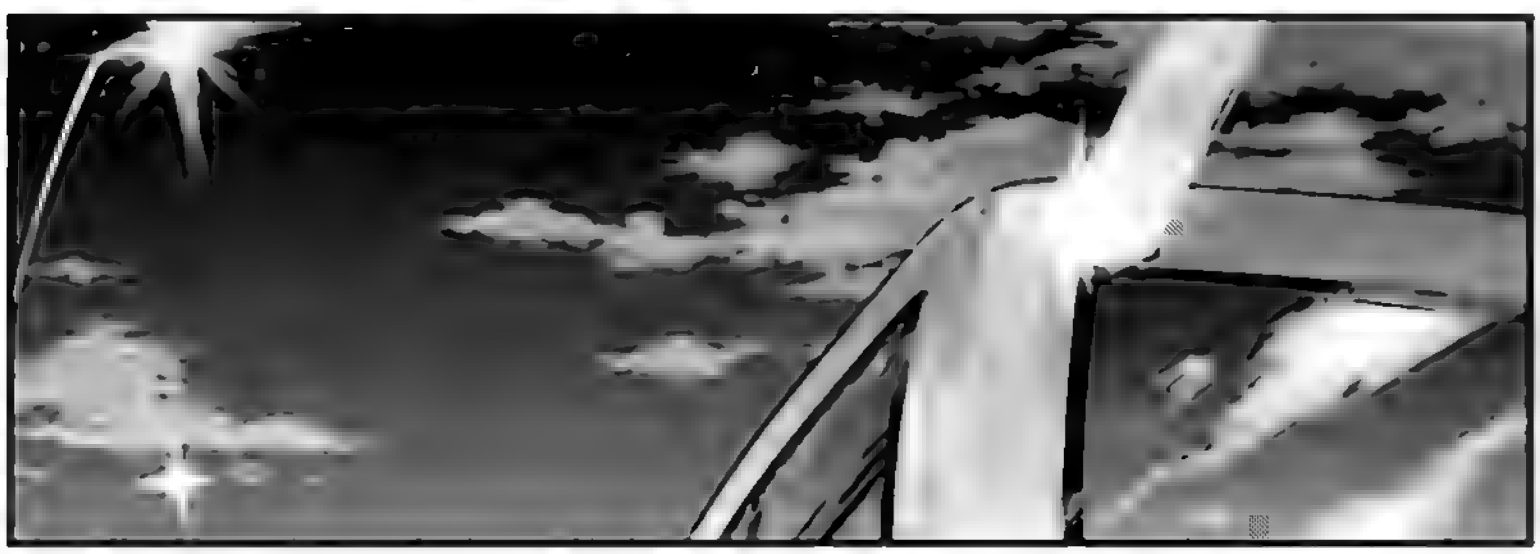
KFGRJ DHJFRHD CDJ A SERVICE AREA. LESJRDLRH 15 MINUTES.

!

5B

THP

AHHHH
Hot milk tea
Warmer now
YYTFO HOUIHJM DEPART.



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Bonus

I'M A PRO WHEN IT COMES TO BUS TRIPS.
MY NAME IS NAREKA IDO.
WANT TO KNOW THEM? OKAY, I'LL TELL YOU.
SO I HAVE 108 TECHNIQUES FOR MAXIMUM COMFORT.
...EVEN WHEN I SLEEP.
I'M SO BUSY THAT I HAVE TO STAY ON THE MOVE...
SHE'S LOOKING AROUND LIKE-
UH-OH. THAT GIRL'S SUCH A NOOB.
Uncommon Bus-Trip Experience
Beautiful young women.
IS THIS SOME KIND OF MIRACLE ?!
WHOA! SHE'S CUTE!!

*"Way" as in "method," not as in "road."

She's in trouble.

GAH! WHERE ARE MY EAR-PLUGS ?!

C-CALM DOWN! SHOW HER WHO'S MASTER IN THE WAY OF THE BUS TRIP!*

Bag

BUT SHE'S STARING AT ME!!

FWOO

DON'T PANIC.

YOU GOTTA REMAIN CALM.

...use these for ear plugs.

...I guess I'll...

Um...

Later, she washed and ate them.

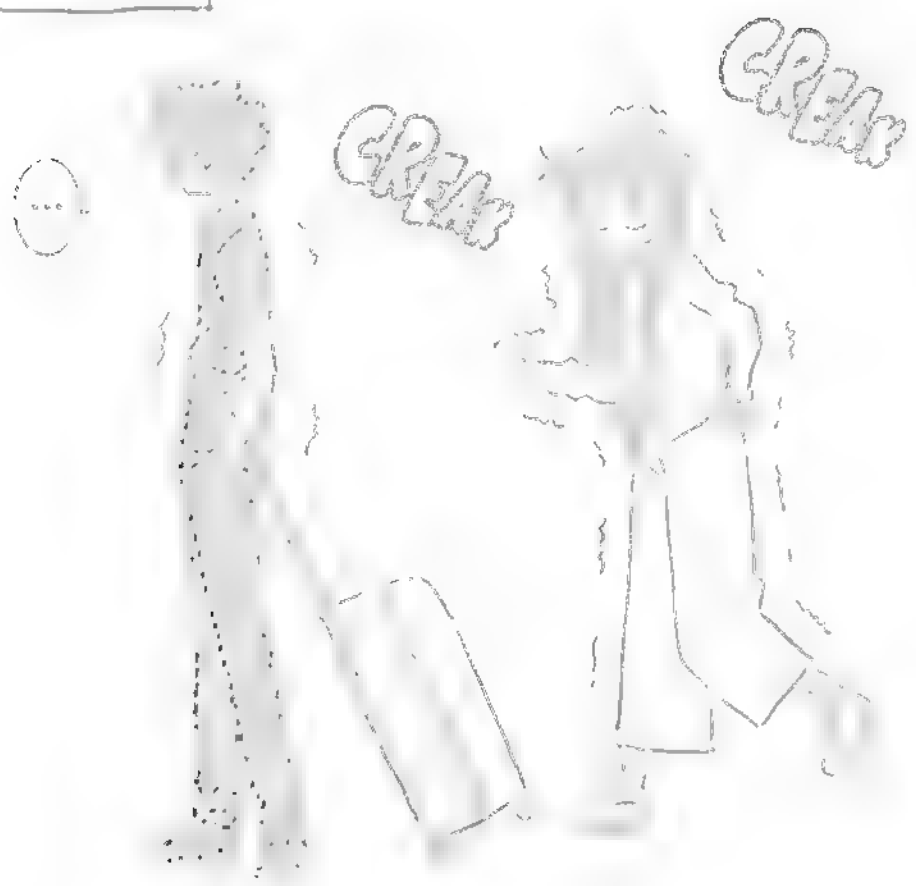
Good Night☆

AHHHHHHH!

Bonus Communication — The End

Common Bus-Trip Experience #3

Your body gets stiff



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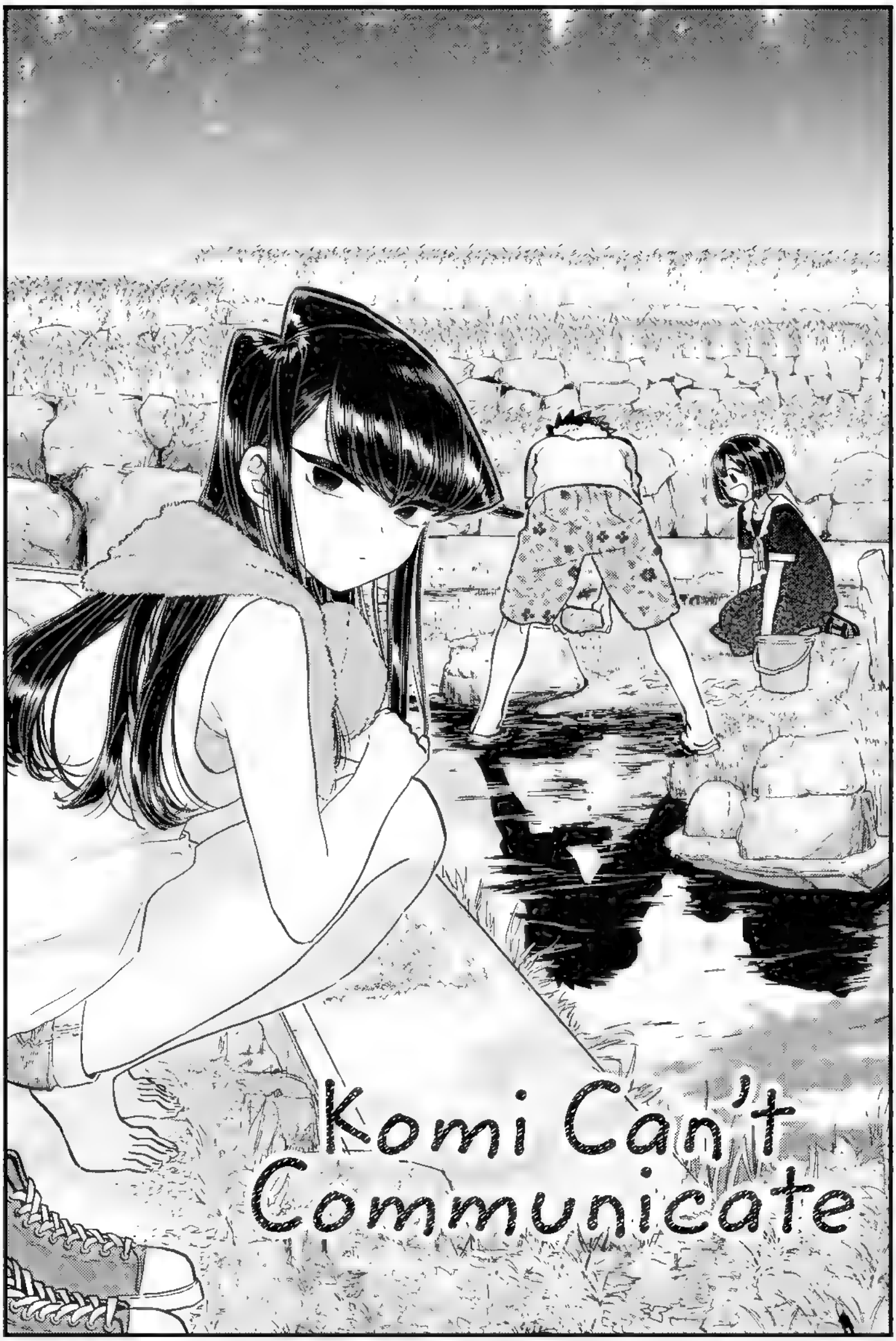


Communication 184: Playing in the Country

...
...
...
...
BLUSH
BLUSH
...
...
!
UM...
UM...
IT'S BEEN SO LONG! THANKS FOR COMING!

SHOKOOO!!

GLOMP

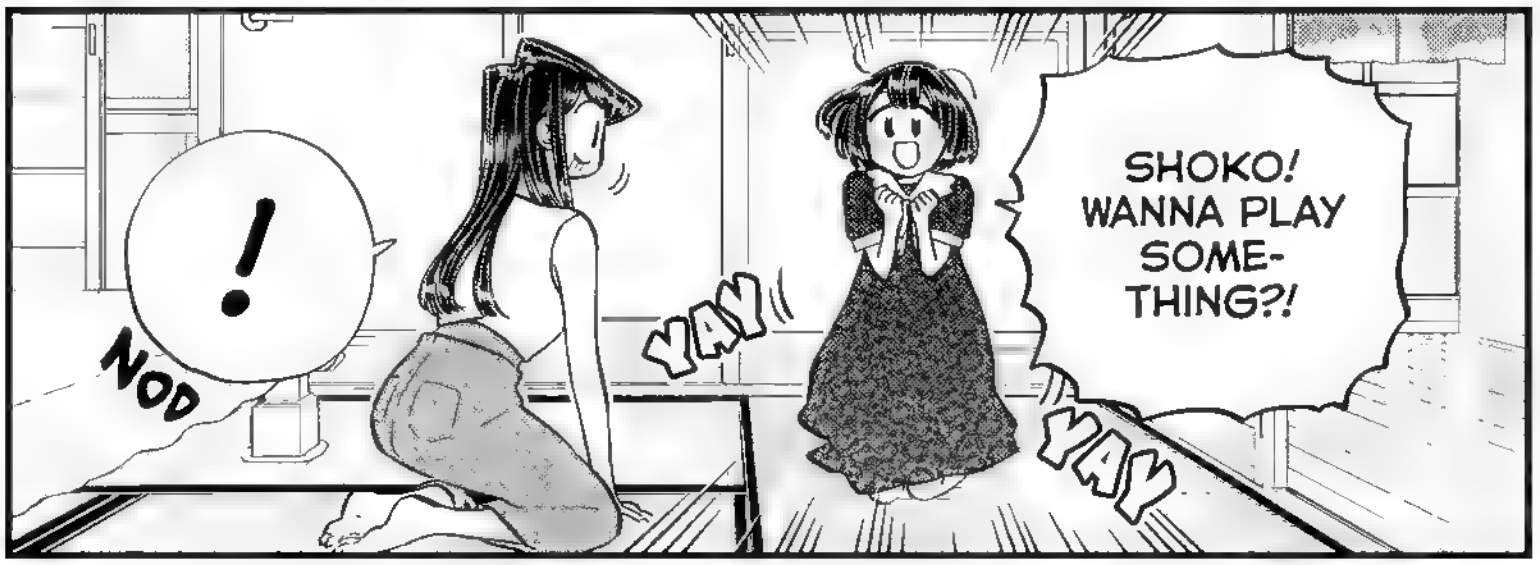
?!

Y-YOU SMELL LIKE... YOU!

HUFF

HUFF

?!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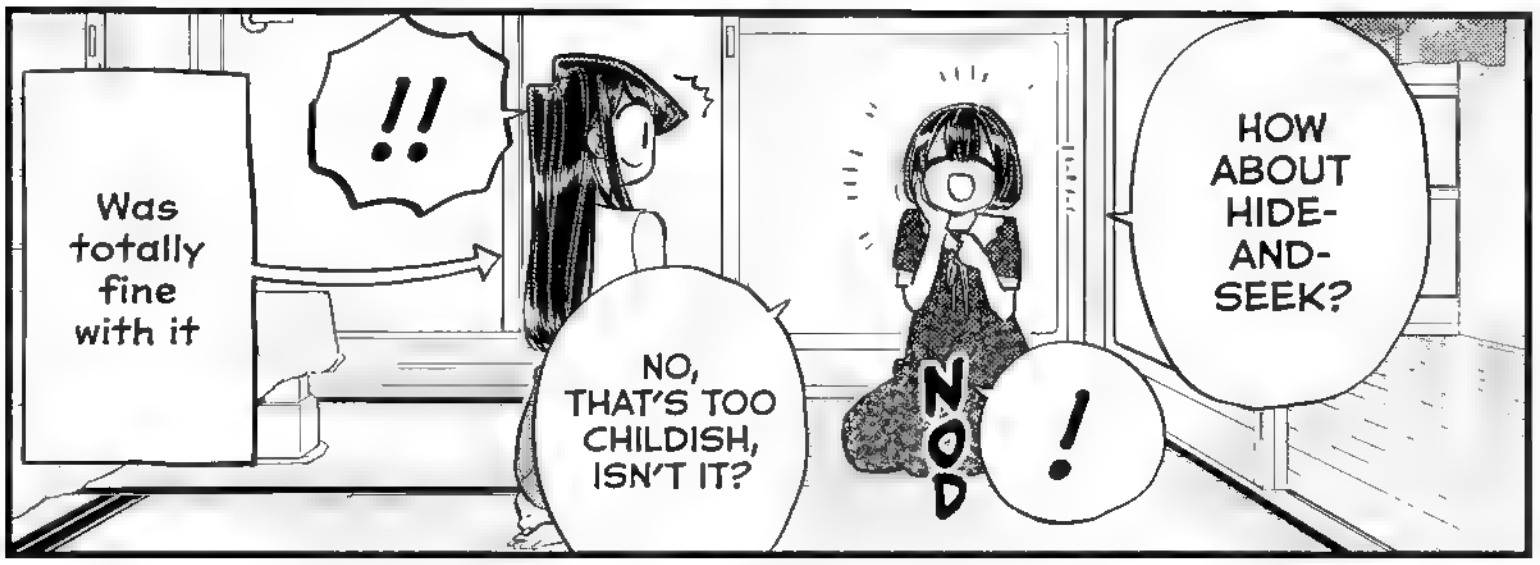
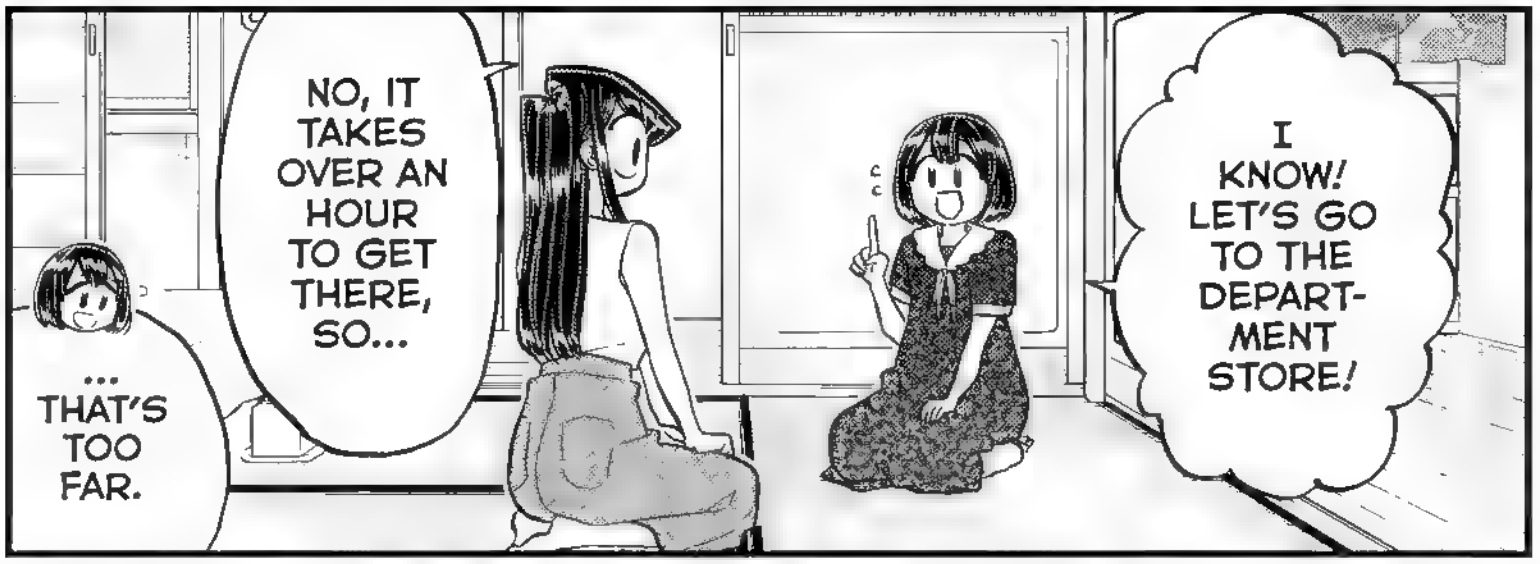
NOD
YAY
SHOKO! WANNA PLAY SOME-THING?!
YAY


Was totally fine with it
!!
NO, THAT'S TOO CHILDISH, ISN'T IT?
NOD
!
HOW ABOUT HIDE-AND-SEEK?


... THAT'S TOO FAR.
NO, IT TAKES OVER AN HOUR TO GET THERE, SO...
I KNOW! LET'S GO TO THE DEPART-MENT STORE!

The Countryside Experience 1
There's nothing to do.
!!
...SO... THERE'S NOTHING TO DO!
THERE'S... A *POND* NEARBY... BUT THAT'S NO FUN...

THE COUNTRY...

HOWDY!

!

UGH... THE COUNTRY...

The Countryside Experience 2

Neighbors come in without knocking.

MAH GRANNY SENT ME OVER WITH EGG-PLANTS!

IS YER GRANNY HOME?

OH...

GACK

?!

K-K-K-KOMIIII ?!?!

...WAS *YOUR* KIN!!

...THAT THE KOMIS IN THIS HERE HOUSE...

AH NEVER DID RECKON ...

Surprised to see Inaka's true self

WE'RE CLASS-MATES! YER GRAND-DAUGHTER IS A REAL PEACH!

DO YOU TWO KNOW EACH OTHER?

UH... *ME?!*

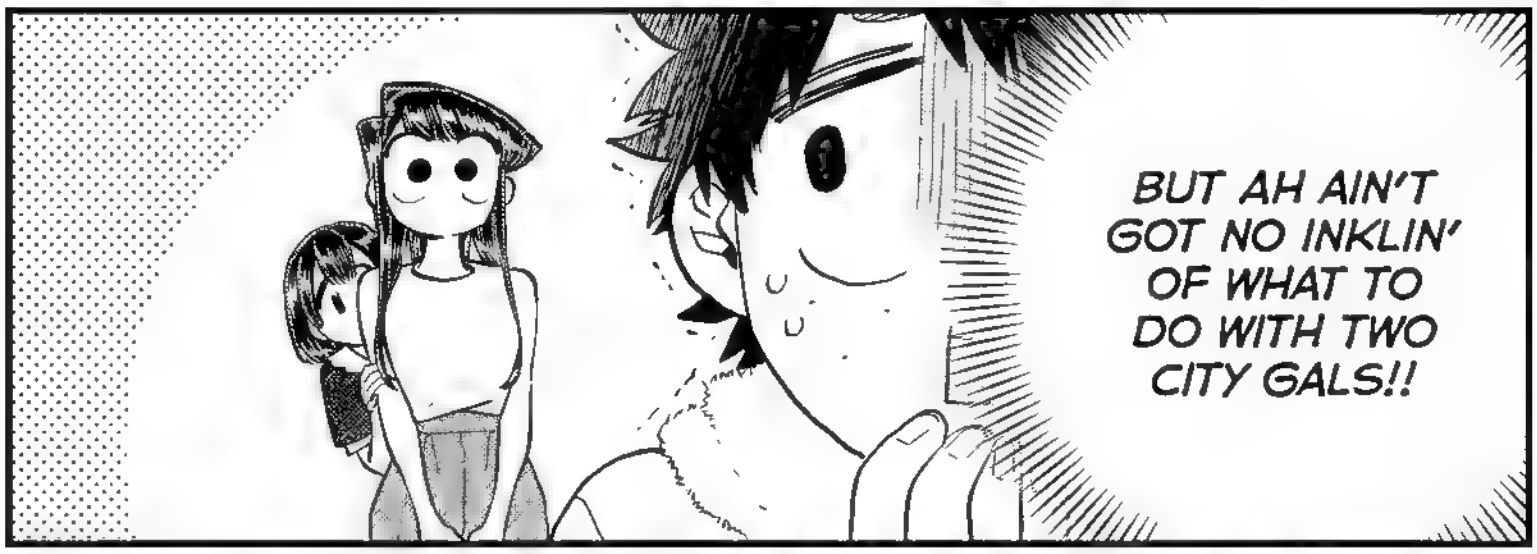
WILL YOU KEEP THEM OCCUPIED?

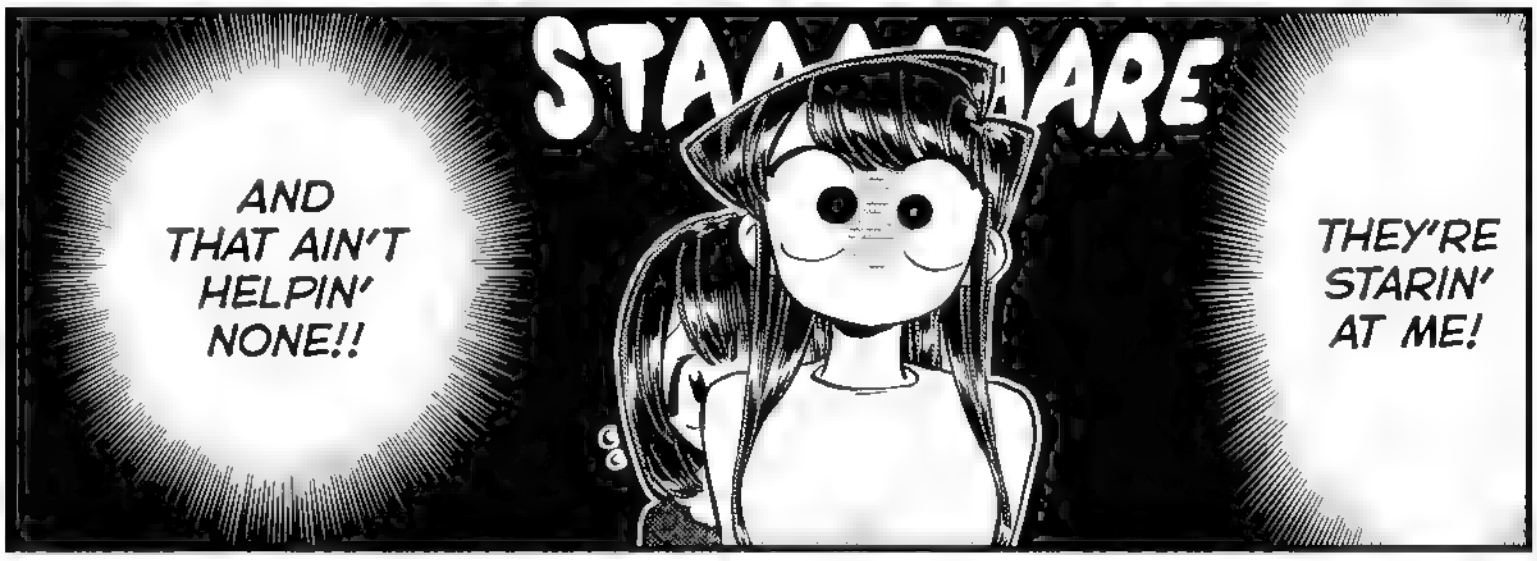
WELL, MY GRAND-CHILDREN HAVE BEEN BORED.

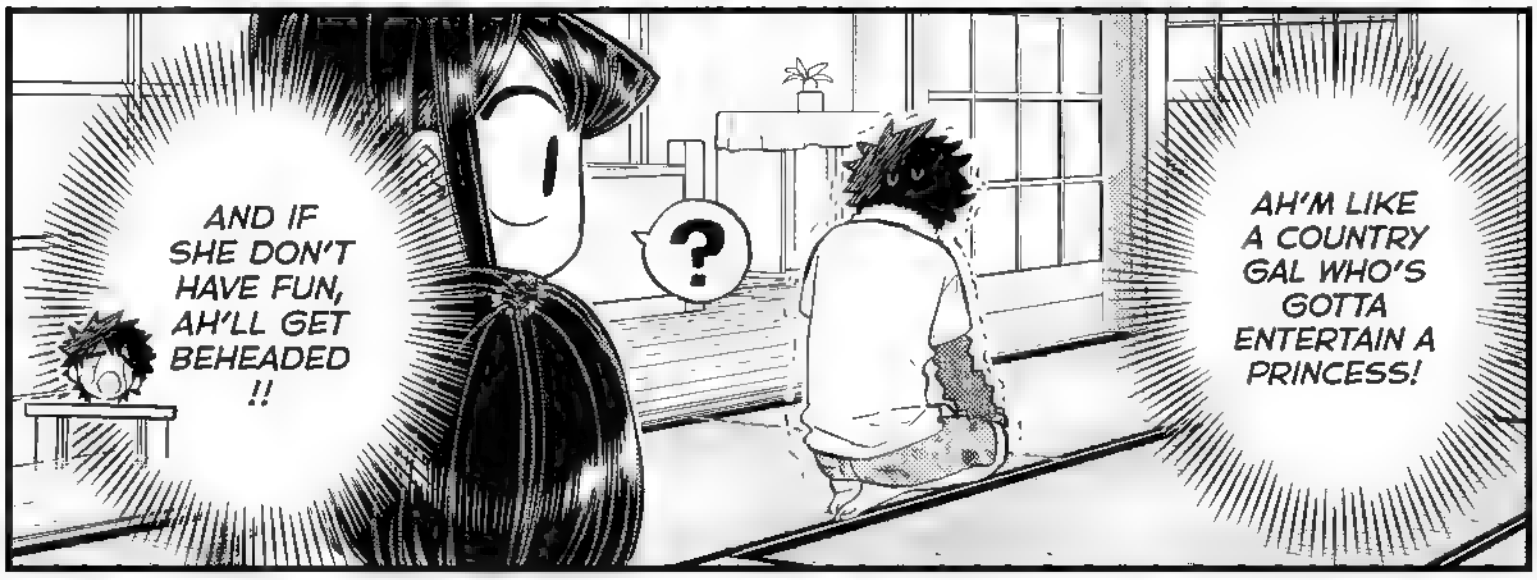
AGH!

THANK YOU FOR THE EGG-PLANTS.

I LEAVE THEM TO YOU.


BUT AH AIN'T GOT NO INKLIN' OF WHAT TO DO WITH TWO CITY GALS!!


STAAAAARE
AND THAT AIN'T HELPIN' NONE!!
THEY'RE STARIN' AT ME!


AND IF SHE DON'T HAVE FUN, AH'LL GET BEHEADED !!
?
AH'M LIKE A COUNTRY GAL WHO'S GOTTA ENTERTAIN A PRINCESS!

!!
NOD NOD
ACTU-ALLY, AIN'T NO OTHER CHOICE !!
UM...
...WANNA GO OUTDOORS?

NOW WHAT'RE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?

ALL MAH USUAL PASTIMES MUST BE BORIN'!

GWOOO

Inaka Vision

SHE MUST HATE COUNTRY GALS!!

AND THAT LITTLE GAL'S STILL STARIN'!

PIK PIK

OR IT'S OFF WITH MAH NOGGIN' !!

AH NEED AN IDEA LICKETY-SPLIT!

!!

PURDY NIFTY, HUH?

H-HERE! IT'S A SHURIKEN!

OH, WOW!

HOW DID YOU MAKE IT?

IT TICKLED THEIR FANCY?!

IT'S EASY AS PIE!

Podocarpus macrophyllus (Buddhist Pine)

Interlock so they hold each other.

Fold in half

YA FOLD TOGETHER FOUR BLADES OF GRASS LIKE THIS!

Done!!

I DID IT!

TADAAAAH

?

DO YA KNOW THIS TRICK?

PYOOOOOOOOOOINK

Cat-tail

WHOA!

IF YA PEEL OFF THE GREEN PART AND PULL THE ROUND THING, THE PISTIL COMES OUT.

Pistil.

THIS HERE'S A *MIRABILIS* FLOWER.

AW, IT'S NOTHIN'.

WHIRRRRRRRR

THIS IS AWE-SOME!!!!

THEN YA GOT *FLOWER PARA-CHUTES!*

A CRAB!

Fresh-water crab

TAKE A GANDER AT THIS CRAB.

W-WAIT!

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

THEY'RE SCRUMPTIOUS DEEP FRIED. AH'LL GO GIT MORE.

The Countryside Experience 3

Every-thing is fried.

Amanita hemi-bapha

MUSH-ROOMS!! THEY'RE MIGHTY TASTY FRIED TOO!!

The Countryside Experience 4

Stuff's poisonous.

?!

THE PARA-CHUTE FLOWER WAS POISONOUS TOO.

Amanita muscaria

?!

NAH, THAT ONE'S POISON-OUS.

-BLUNT

THERE'S MORE OVER HERE, MISS!

THIS IS FINE BAMBOO.

HMM...

The Countryside Experience 5

People just carry around saws.

SHING

?!

WE CAN MAKE FISHIN' POLES AND CATCH MINNOWS FOR COOKIN' LATER.

Give it a pull!

HERE'S OUR GEAR.

Other equip-ment

FISH PASTE

3 HOOKS

Bait

Weights

Hooks

Fish-ing line

Bamboo, 3-4 meters

FIRST, REMOVE THE BRANCHES AND LEAVES...

Apply the saw...

...at this angle.

...AND ROTATE THE STALK TO CUT OFF THE BIGGER ONES.

THEN MAKE A NOTCH FOR THE LINE.

THE LINE SHOULD BE LONGER THAN THE POLE.

BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE EXACT.

The Countryside Experience 6

Many things are approxi-mate.

?!

...AND STICK ON ANY OL' BAIT.

...AND ADD ANY OL' WEIGHTS...

THEN USE ANY OL' KNOT TO TIE ON A HOOK...

ALL READY !!

!!

FLOP

LOOK! AH CAUGHT ONE!

SLOOSH

IT'S SO SMALL!

Min-now

AND CUTE!

QUIT FLOPPIN' AND LET ME UNHOOK YA!

!

!

KAW

KAW

PLEASE, LEMME KEEP MAH HEAD!!

Caught none

Caught nine

UM, SOME DAYS ARE SLOW.

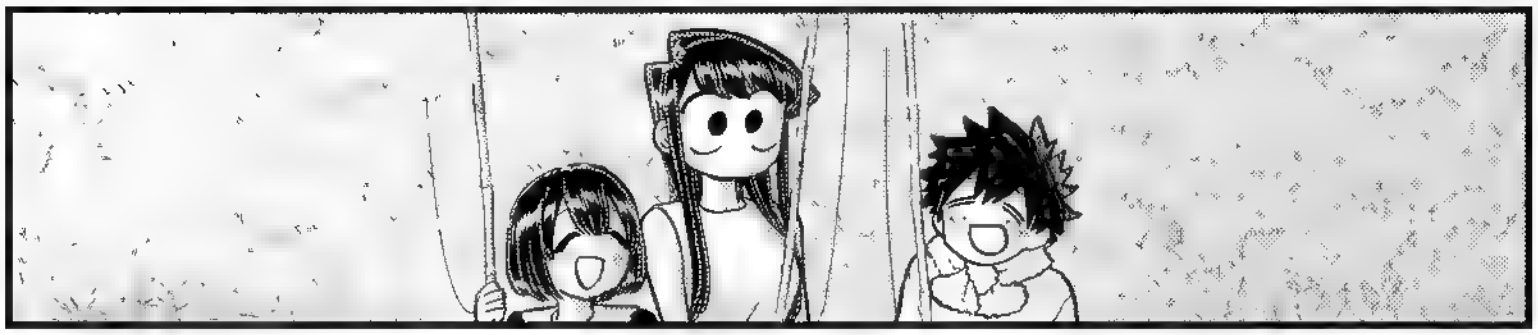
?!

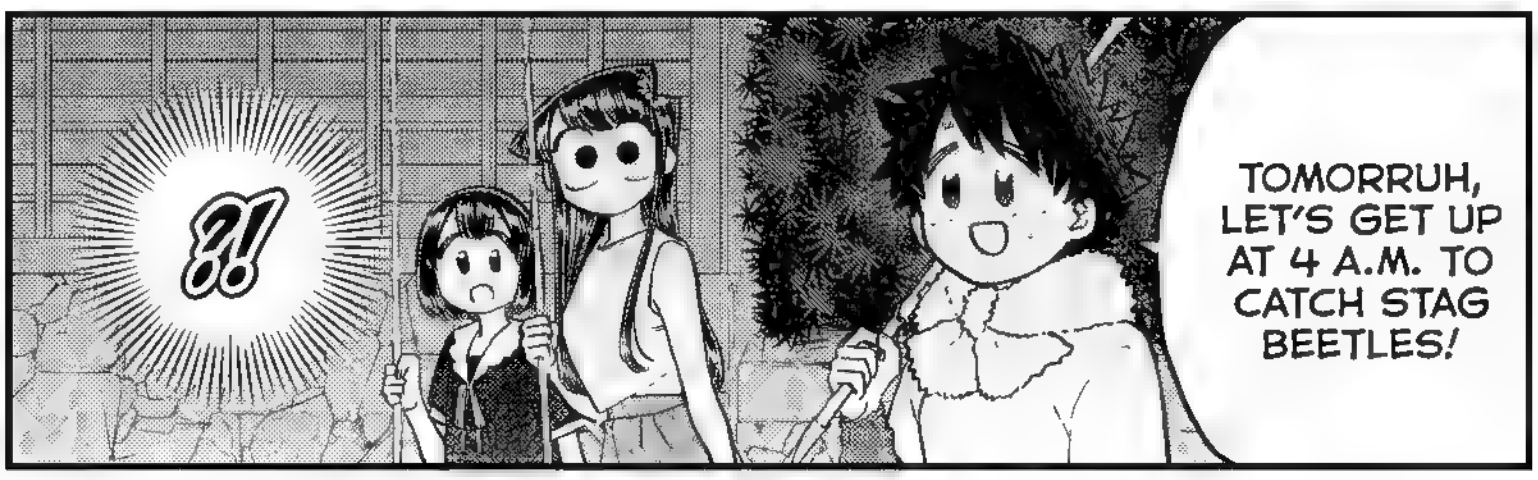
YEAH...

...THIS WAS FUN!

...BUT...

...!





Communication 184 — The End

Komi Can't Communicate

Think they're in trouble for being noisy

TREMMBLE

TREMMBLE

RATTLE

PIK

EACH OF YOU, GO PICK A WEED ...

...FOR *OBAKO SUMO.*

!!

Communication 185: Obako Sumo

It's as brutal and devastating as boxing!

*No, it isn't.

Pick a plant, pit it against someone else's, and see whose breaks!

The rules are simple!!

TUGG G

WHAT IS OBAKO SUMO ?!

Plantago asiatica

Come here, Shosuke.

GRANDMA WANTS TO PLAY WITH US?

!

TA-DA!

I FOUND MY WEED!

!

HOW-EVER...

...AS AN OBON PRESENT.

BEAT ME AND I'LL AWARD YOU A LARGE AMOUNT OF POCKET MONEY...

...FAIL TO DEFEAT ME AND...

...YOU GET *NOTHING.*

!!

B...

BUT!

I WILL EVEN USE THE SAME WEED...

... AGAINST ALL THREE OF YOU.

ARE YOU READY TO RUMBLE?

...!

NOD

?!

Fight's on!

GRANDMA THINKS I'M A ROOKIE, BUT...

First challenger—Akira

YOU GOTTA HOLD IT TOWARD THE MIDDLE AND LET YOUR OPPONENT PULL!

THEN YOU CAN'T LOSE!!

...SHE UNDERESTIMATES ME!

SNAP

PAT PAT

IF I WIN...

...SHOKO WILL BE SO IMPRESSED!!

TEE HEE HEE!!

Why ?!

Akira loses.

YOUR STEM WAS ***WEAK.*** NEXT!

?!

YOU'RE UP, SHOKO.

SNIFF

YOU MUST AVENGE AKEMI.

SOB

SHOKO ...

Akemi

UAA AAA AH!!!

SNAP

WAA AAA AH!!!

GOOD WEED BUT POOR TECHNIQUE.

WAA AAA AH!!!

I DID NOT CHEAT.

FLOP FLOP FLOP FLOP

NO FAIR, GRANDMA! YOU KNEW YOU'D WIN!!

...

NOW FOR YOU, SHOSUKE.

Would rather not

?!

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

...urk.

You must... win...

Please ...

Shosuke ...

YAY

Tee hee!

Wee hee!

Sho-kooo!

If he wins ...

YAY

Approx. 70 decibels (loud voices)

Waa aaa aaa ah!!!

If he loses ...

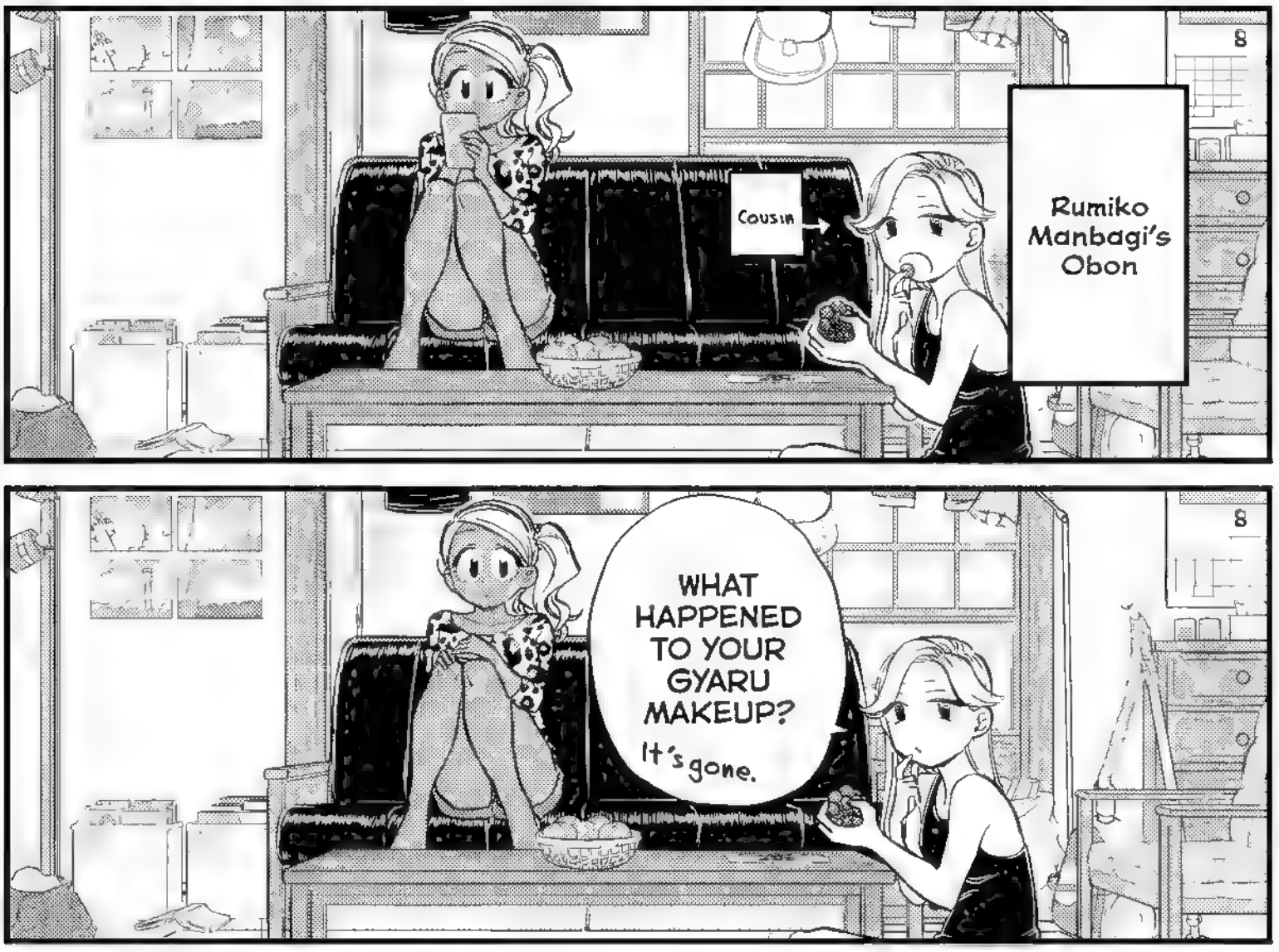
Waa

ah!!!

Approx. 100 decibels (a train)

Communication 185 — The End

Komi Can't Communicate



Communication 186: Everyone's Obon

Hitohito Tadano's Obon

只野

Hawaii

TADANO FAMILY

WHAT THE—?!

THAT'S MY CELL PHONE. HELLO?

RRRING

THANKS, GRAND-MA!

HERE'S YOUR POCKET MONEY, NAJIMI.

HM?

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?!

TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK

Omoharu Naka-naka's Obon

ARGH! LET'S PLAY AGAIN!

OKAY, YOU'RE ON!

WIN

MWA HA HA! YOU CANNOT DEFEAT ME!!

GIVE US A HANDI-CAP!!

OKAY, YOU'RE ON!

YOU'RE TOO GOOD, HARU.

WIN

MWA HA HA! I DON'T EVEN HAVE TO USE MY SECRET POWER!

LET'S PLAY AGAIN!

OKAY, YOU'RE ON!

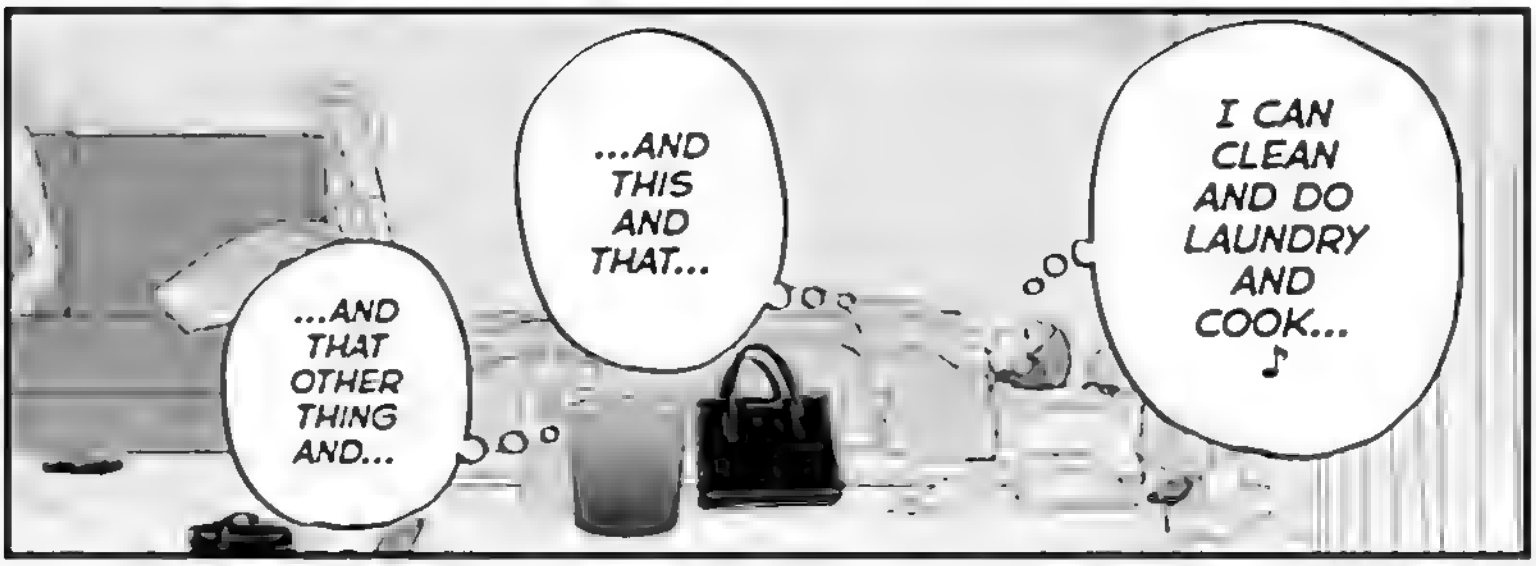
Mwa ha ha...

LOSE

DRAT! NOT BAD... I'LL HAVE TO REMOVE THE SEAL ON MY LEFT EYE!

NENE IS SO THOUGHT-FUL!
KYAAH
RAAH
YAAH
WAAH
GRAAH
RAAH
YAAH
WAAH
GRAAH
NO PROBLEM, HARUKO. I'LL WATCH THEM WHILE YOU TAKE A BREAK.
SORRY ABOUT THE RUGRATS.
Nene Onemine's Obon
COME FOR DINNER, CHILDREN!
Less than an hour later
?!
Well done!!
EIGHT!
SEVEN!
GOO-GOO!
FIVE!
FOUR!
THREE!
TWO!
ONE!
LINE UP AND...
...COUNT OFF!!
Mom
WHERE MY HUUUUS-BAND?
WHERE'S MOOOOOOM ?
HMM?
Dad
EXCUSE ME. I'VE LOST MY DAUGHTER.
Kaede Otori's Obon

AHH... TIME OFF! ♪ I DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING!
ABSOLUTE FREE TIME! ♪
Miwa Omojiri's Obon

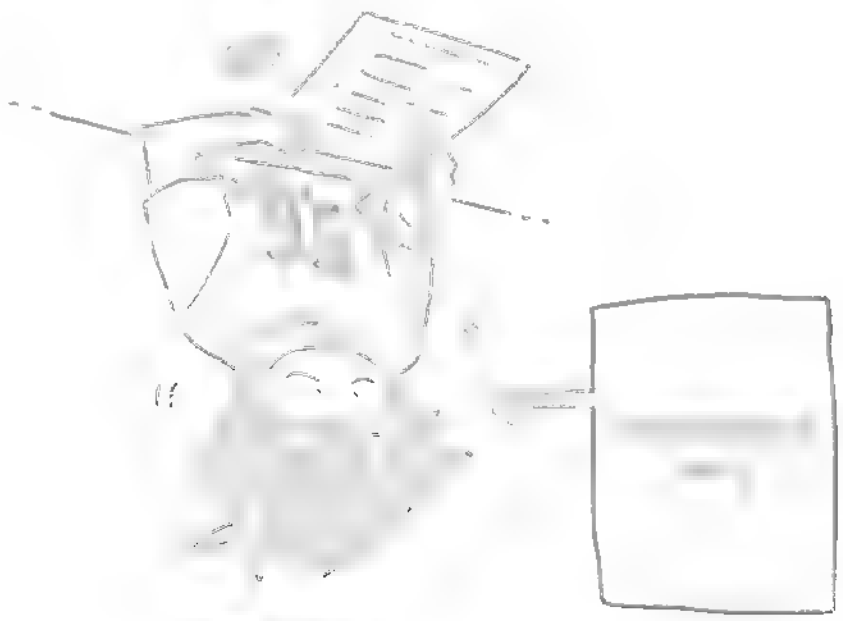

...AND THIS AND THAT...
...AND THAT OTHER THING AND...
I CAN CLEAN AND DO LAUNDRY AND COOK... ♪

When she woke up, the day was over.
Zzz

GOOD TO SEE YA, SHISUTO!!
GROAR!
Shisuto Naruse's Obon
I'M GLAD YOU CAME!
NO WONDER HE LOOKED SO HAND-SOME!
IT IS?!
GRAND-FATHER, THAT'S THE MIRROR.
...YOUR-SELF, SHISUTO!
LET'S SEE...
YOU DON'T LOOK SO BAD...
HMM ...
He's well-behaved around family.

GWOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO
K
THIS IS SCARY...
Makoto Katai's Obon
GWOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO
THIS IS SCARY!
Aunt
OKAY!
NO, TAKERU !!
HEH HEH! LET'S TAKE A BATH TOGETHER, AMAMI!!
COUSIN
Amami Sato's Obon
B
AM
I LOST AGAIN !!
Makeru Yadano's Obon

Communication 186 — The End



Komi Can't Communicate

CHIRR
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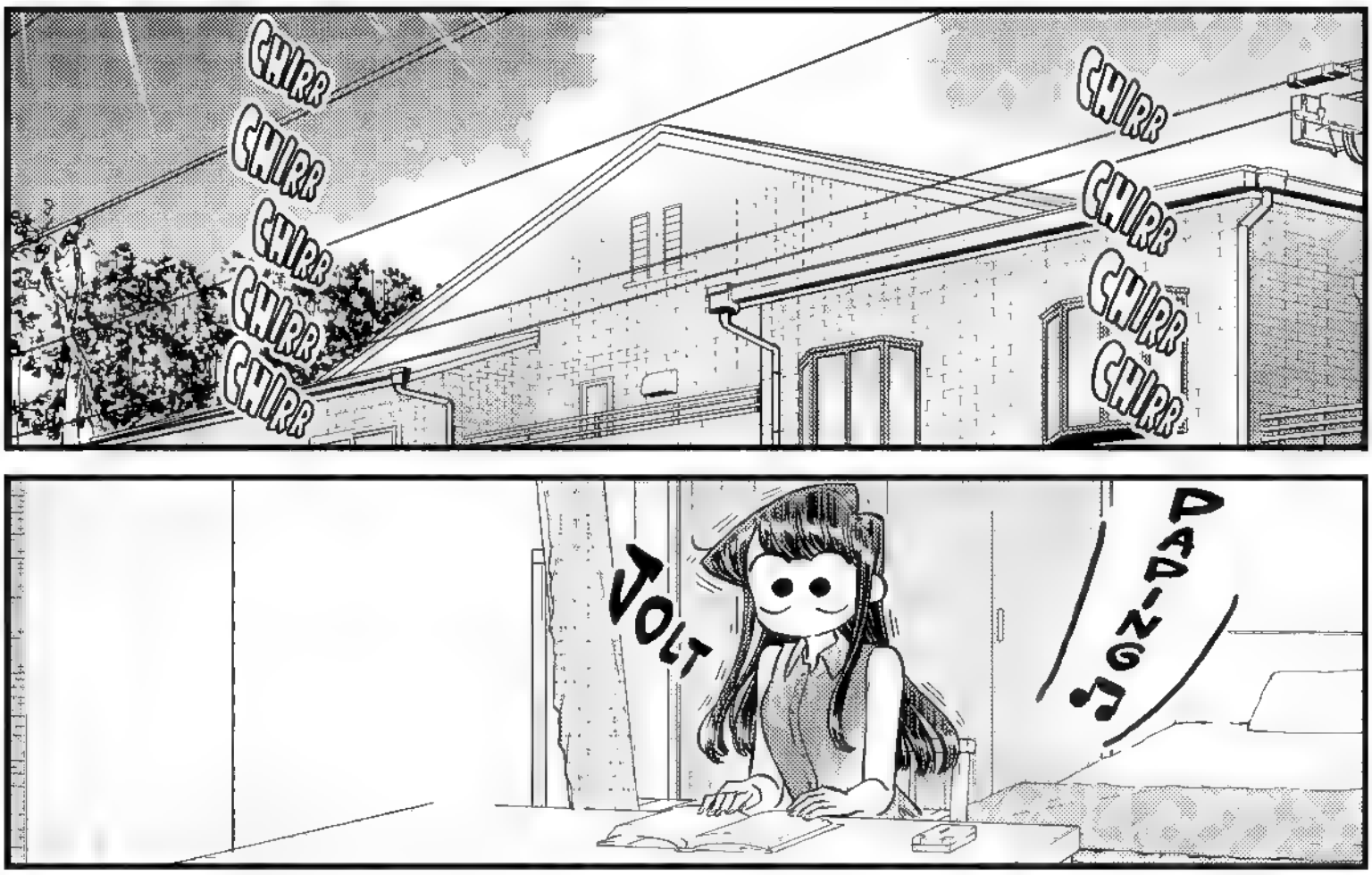
Photo of Komi's summer vacation to-do list (See communication 160)
Summer Vacation To-D
Visit the ocean
Get a tan!
Eat tomatoes!
Grow tomatoes
Help around the house
Sleep in bed
Ride my bicycle
Sounds nice. I'll pedal somewhere too.
Go outside as much as p
•Don't get heat stroke!
Go to 131 Ice Cream
!


CHIRR
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JOLT
PAD-ING♪
"For example, we could go to https://www. maps/search// anzino. dai
!!
"Want to take a bike ride together?"
10:22
SUMMER TO-DO LIST
IT'S STILL HOT, ISN'T IT?
I WAS LOOKING AT YOUR SUMMER TO-DO LIST AND NOTICED RIDING A BICYCLE WAS ON IT
WANT TO TAKE A BIKE RIDE TOGETHER?
FOR EXAMPLE, WE COULD GO TO HTTPS://WWW MAPS/ SEARCH//NANKAI KANZINO TAKADAI
BLIP
"It's still hot, isn't it? I was looking at your summer to-do list and noticed riding a bicycle was on it."
...
...
...

Rereading his email

JOLT

!!

FOOSH

I DIDN'T WRITE ANYTHING STRANGE, DID I?

"I would love to."

THANK YOU FOR THE INVITATION.

I WOULD LOVE TO.

BUT ACTUALLY...

"Thank you for the invitation."

"...I don't know how to ride a bicycle."

BUT ACTUALLY...

...I DON'T KNOW HOW TO RIDE A BICYCLE.

"But actually ..."

...OKAY.

OH...

Communication 187: Bicycle Lesson

Sound of sending mail

HWOOSH

FIDGET FIDGET FIDGET

WHY DID I SAY "OKAY"?

JOLT

!!

PADING

Figures Tadano is disappointed that she can't ride a bicycle

"But I can help you learn."

!

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TADANO, HITOHITO

OKAY. I WASN'T EXPECTING THAT.

BUT I CAN HELP YOU LEARN

"Okay. I wasn't expecting that."

HMPH

HMPH

YOU CAN USE THE ONE IN THE GARAGE.

HM? YOU WANT TO RIDE A BICYCLE?

HEY, KOMI!
OH...
...UH ...
!
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP

HUFF
HUFF
UM, THERE'S NO HURRY, OKAY?
UHH...
!
BOW BOW
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE EMBARRASSED, SO I DIDN'T INVITE ANYONE ELSE.
SORRY IT'S JUST US TWO!
BOW BOW
!
...GET STARTED ?
WELL, SHALL WE...

AND DON'T HOLD ON TOO HARD.

IF YOU LOOK DOWN, YOU'LL LOSE YOUR BALANCE.

JUST LOOK STRAIGHT AHEAD.

NOD

!

...SO BE BOLD.

SPEED HELPS PREVENT WOBBLING ...

WOBBLE WOBBLE

SWOOO

NO WAIT...

STOP! STOP!!

WOBBLE WOBBLE WOBBLE WOBBLE

I'LL HOLD THE BACK STEADY...

...AND YOU START PEDALING.

NNOD... !

SWOOOOO

VERY GOOD.

WOBBLE WOBBLE WOBBLE

NO WAIT...

STOP! STOP!!

KCHONK

CLINK
THE CHAIN CAME OFF.
DON'T WORRY. I'LL PUT IT BACK ON.
Wonders if she broke it
...!

IT'S PRETTY RUSTY.
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
!
HMPH
HMPH
!
NO, IT'S NOT HARD TO DO.
THERE, I FIXED IT.

SWOOSH

Komi tries again.

WOBBLE WOBBLE

KCHOK

KOMI ?!

Feels sorry about this

Fixing the chain again

MAYBE THERE'S ANOTHER PROBLEM.

I THOUGHT SHE'D BE BETTER AT THIS.

?!

?!

ICE-SKATING

FITNESS TEST

?

NOD

MAY I GIVE IT A TRY?

IT'S HEAVY. IS THAT BECAUSE OF THE RUST?

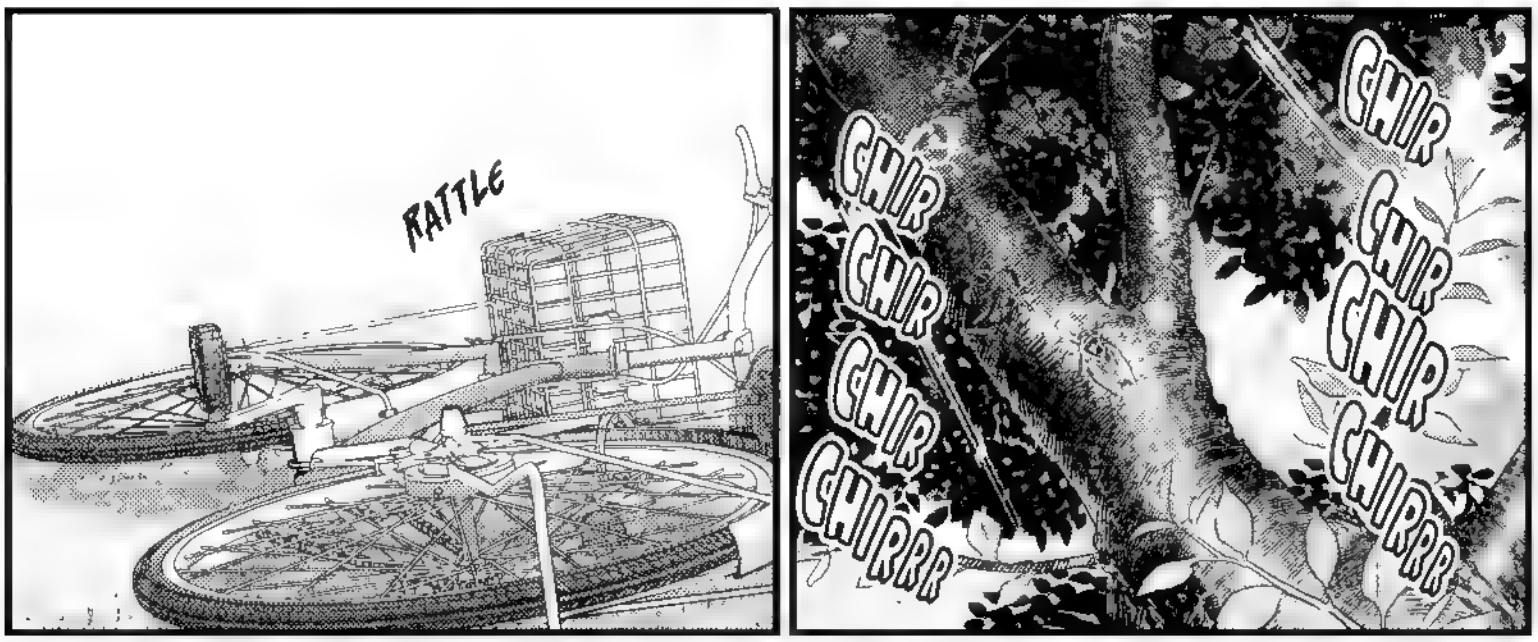
Swoooooo

?!

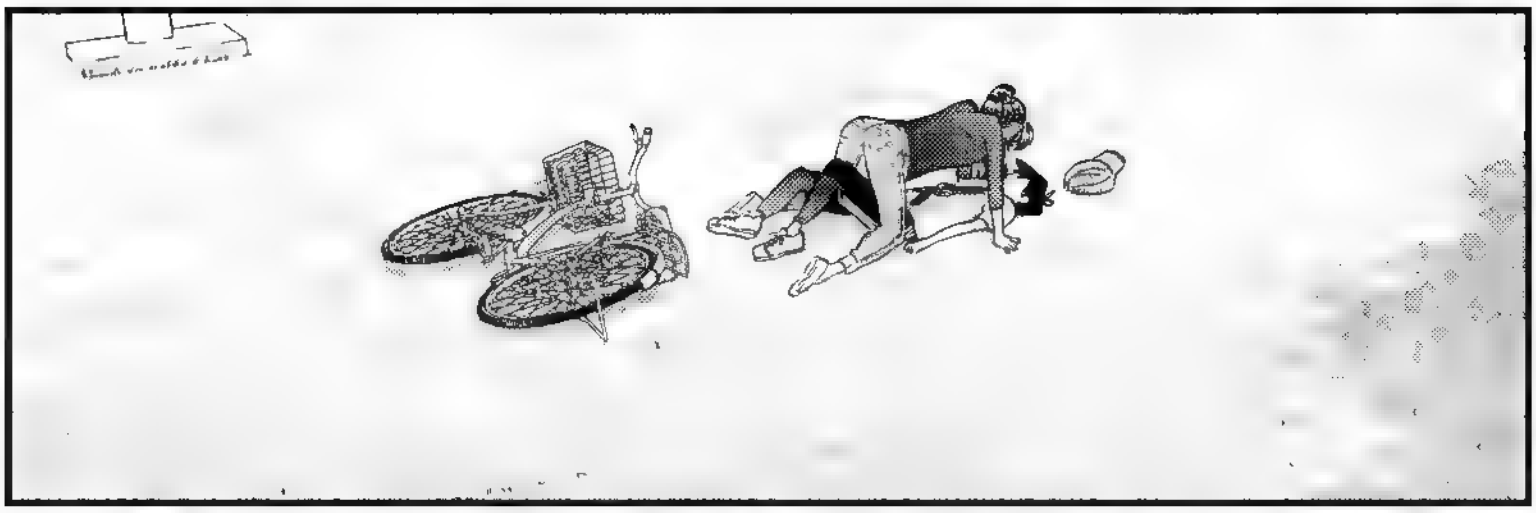
KICK

TOMP
WHEW!
UH-
OH...
WOBBLE
...UM
...
FWOOOOSH
HUH?
Thought
he was
going
to fall

KLATTER
WOBBLE
UWAAAH!
GRAB


RATTLE
CHIR CHIR CHIR CHIRRR
CHIR CHIR CHIR CHIRRR

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, KOMI?
ARE Y- YOU...



N-NO PROBLEM! ARE YOU HURT?!

Apolo-gizing

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!!! !!! !!!

NOO NOO NOO NOO NOO

Looking around to see if anyone saw

FWIP FWIP FWP FWP FWP FWP FWP

IT'S P-PROBABLY HARD TO R-RIDE THIS OLD BIKE! W-WHY DON'T YOU TRY M-MINE?!

GRIP

WOBBLE

TAKE IT EASY AND JUST GO.

WOOOO
~~~

GOOD JOB, KOMI! YOU DID IT!
SKRK
WOBBLE
WOBBLE

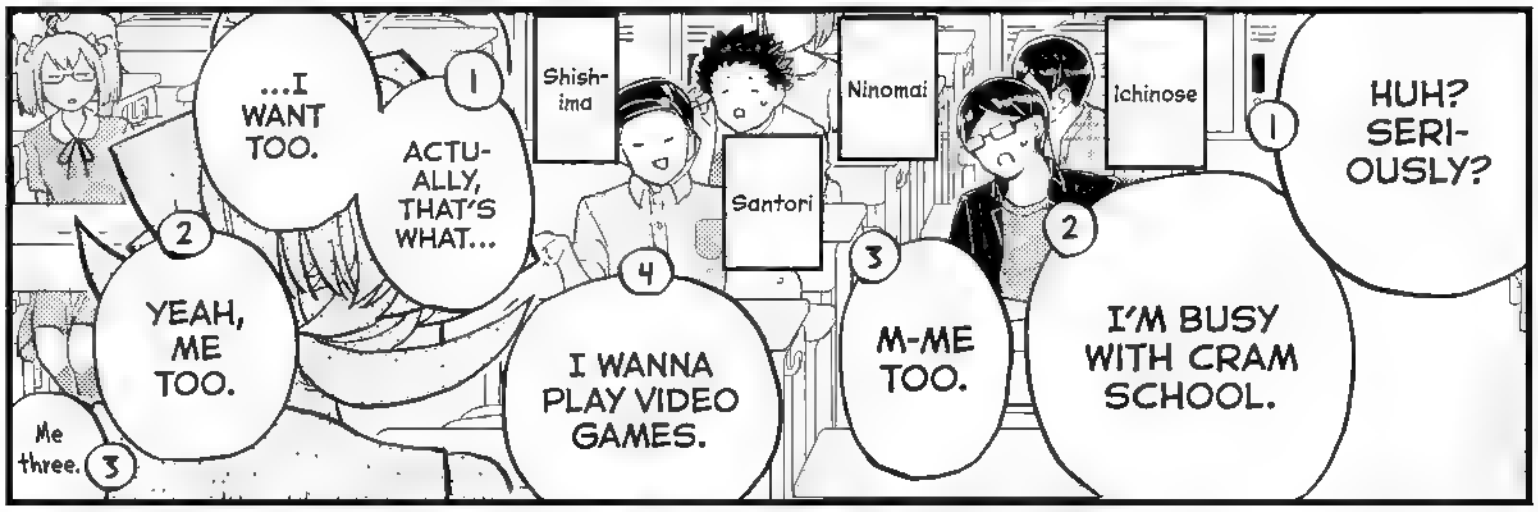
FLIP

Communication 187 — The End

Communication 188: The Class 2-1 Social

GOTCHA!
This is the story of how Najimi..
...pulled off the zombie prank during the test of courage.
DEAD DOG
GROAN
プロジェクト
PROJECT
挑戦者たち

Previ-ously ...
Let's make Komi and the others think zombies are attacking when actually it's you guys!
I-is everyone in?!


HUH? SERI-OUSLY?
I'M BUSY WITH CRAM SCHOOL.
M-ME TOO.
I WANNA PLAY VIDEO GAMES.
YEAH, ME TOO.
...I WANT TOO.
ACTU-ALLY, THAT'S WHAT...
Me three.
Ichinose
Ninomai
Shish-ima
Santori

WHAT?! BUT THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO SCARE KOMI!!
Shizuka Odoka
SHE NEVER TALKS! SHE MUST REALLY WANNA DO THIS!!

HUH?! SO IS YOURS!!

SHUT UP. YOUR HAIR'S WEIRD.

Dat's right!

Kingyo Baba

No fighting!

DON'T SWEAT THE DETAILS! WE CAN PULL IT OFF!

Mei Sarutahiko

Ken Inui

...THE COST, EFFORT AND LOGISTICS ARE DISCOURAGING.

I UNDERSTAND THE DESIRE TO BE FRIENDS WITH KOMI, BUT...

Kingyo Baba

Dat's right!!

No, wait...

Kyoko Isagi

IT SOUNDS DIRTY, SO COUNT ME OUT. I'M LEAVING.

M-ME TOO!

Kingyo Baba

Dat's right!!

Shiki Gekidan

I CAN BRING SOME TOO!

Maya Takarazuka

SHALL I PREPARE FX MAKEUP?

Kingyo Baba

Dat's right!!

Son Totoi

WE CAN PAINT TOTOI GOLD!

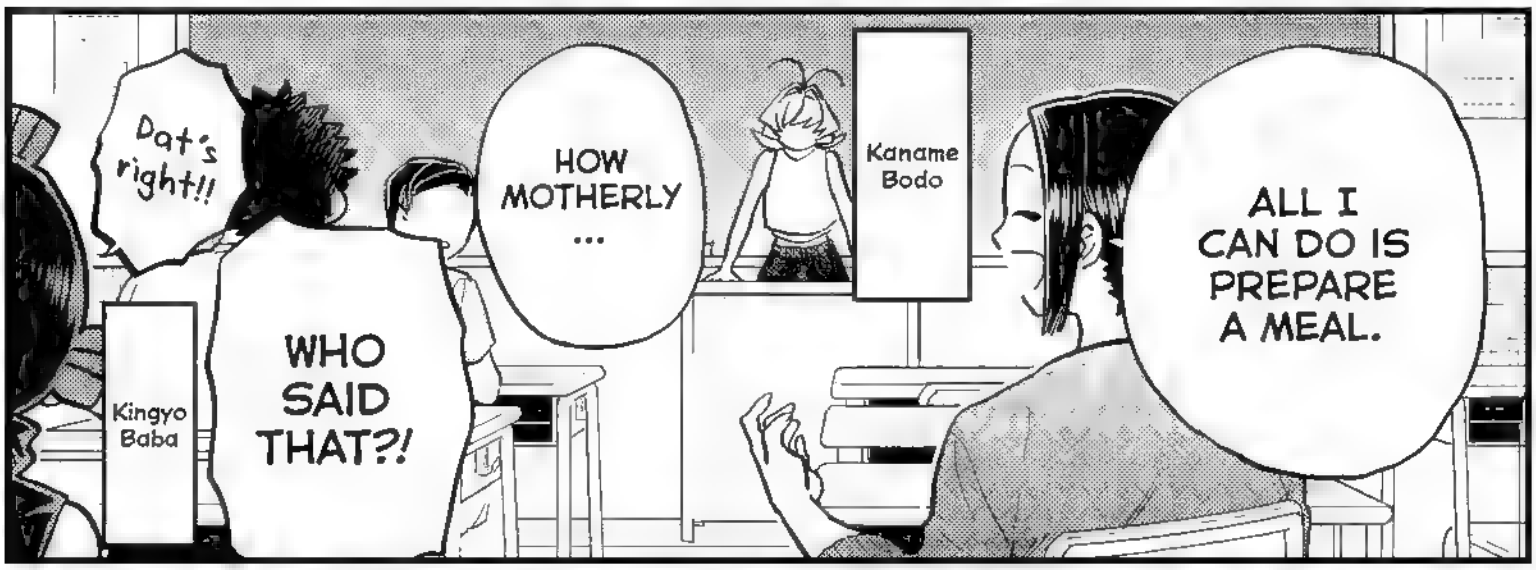
HUH? WHAT'D YOU SAY?

Masuko Fuwa

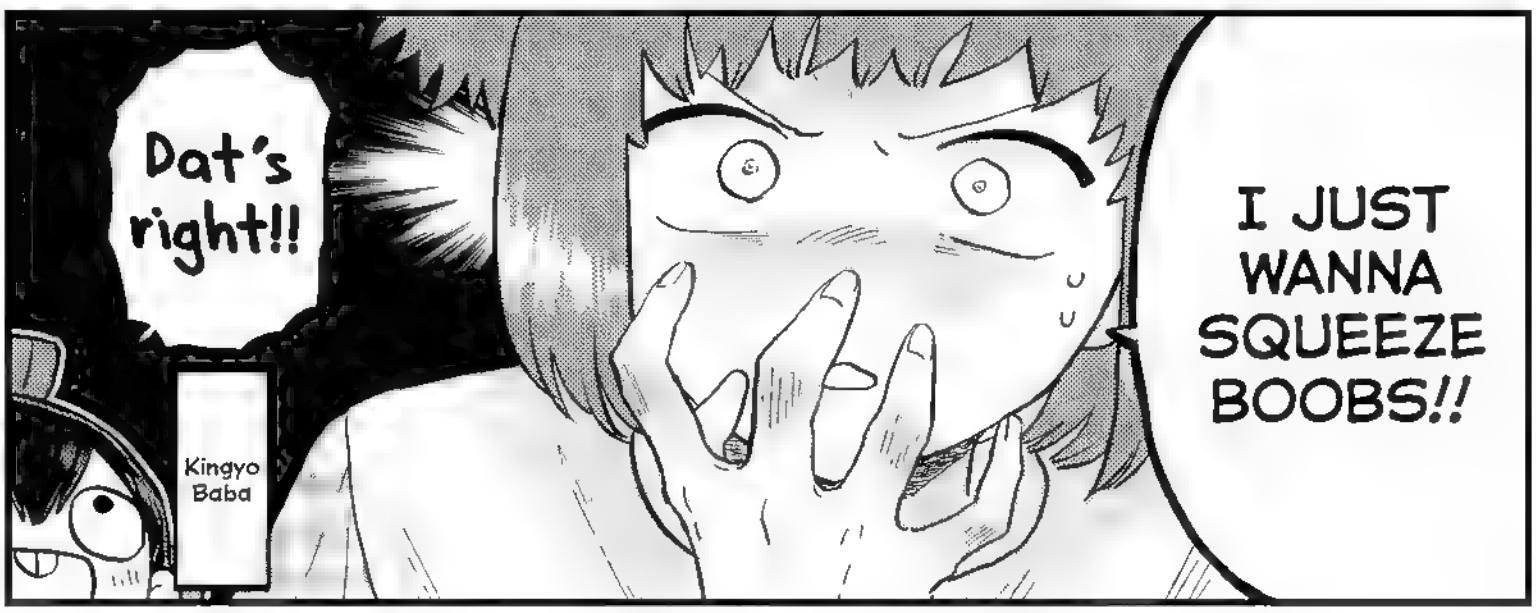
Saku Fushima

THE DEADLINE FOR SUMMER COMIKET IS COMING UP, BUT I MIGHT BE ABLE TO SEE SOME KATATADA ACTION, SO... I JUST NEED TO DO THREE PAGES A DAY!

MY CRYSTAL BALL SAYS IF YOU BUY THESE STONES, THE PLAN WILL SUCCEED.
Spiri Urana
Men Kicho
SWIK SWIK
WE'LL SET UP NIGHT CAMERAS 8.77 METERS APART. WE'LL TRAIN THE CAMERAMEN FOR ONE WEEK AND SELECT FIVE STUNTMEN PLUS THREE ALTERNATES.
Dat's right!
Kingyo Baba


Dat's right!!
Kingyo Baba
WHO SAID THAT?!
HOW MOTHERLY ...
Kaname Bodo
ALL I CAN DO IS PREPARE A MEAL.

WHAT'S WRONG, OHAI?!
Shuki Ohai
URGH ...


Dat's right!!
Kingyo Baba
I JUST WANNA SQUEEZE BOOBS!!

Communication 188 — The End

Komi Can't Communicate

Communication 189: After the Test of Courage

SWEAT
SWEAT
THAT'S NOT TRUE! YOU'RE CUTE, ASE!
..THE WORST G'RL HERE!
I'M NOT CUTE LIKE RUMIKO OR KOMI, SO I'M...
...DON'T BE HARD ON YOURSELF.
ASE...
!!
WHOOOOOAAAAA
YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO LOVE YOURSELF.
MUST HE DO THAT?!
Heh!
RUMIKO
BUT I'M PERFECT, SO I CAN SEE WHY YOU MIGHT JUDGE YOUR-

AH HA HA! THAT'S AWE-SOME!

Faint-ed

...!!

OH! THERE'S ODOKA!

!!

NEXT IS KOMI AND TADANO!

SOUNDS LIKE THERE ARE OTHER VICTIMS...

STOP THE FILM! CUT!

SWUF SWUF

WHISPER

I WISH I WAS HIM!

WHY IS TADANO WEARING A BLINDFOLD AND HOLDING HANDS WITH KOMI?

WHISPER WHISPER

I WISH THE BOYS WOULD BE ENVIOUS OF WHOEVER'S WITH ME THE WAY THEY'RE ENVIOUS OF TADANO WITH KOMI...

The girls envy Komi for the envy of the boys.

WAS IT WARM? COLD?

?!

HUFF

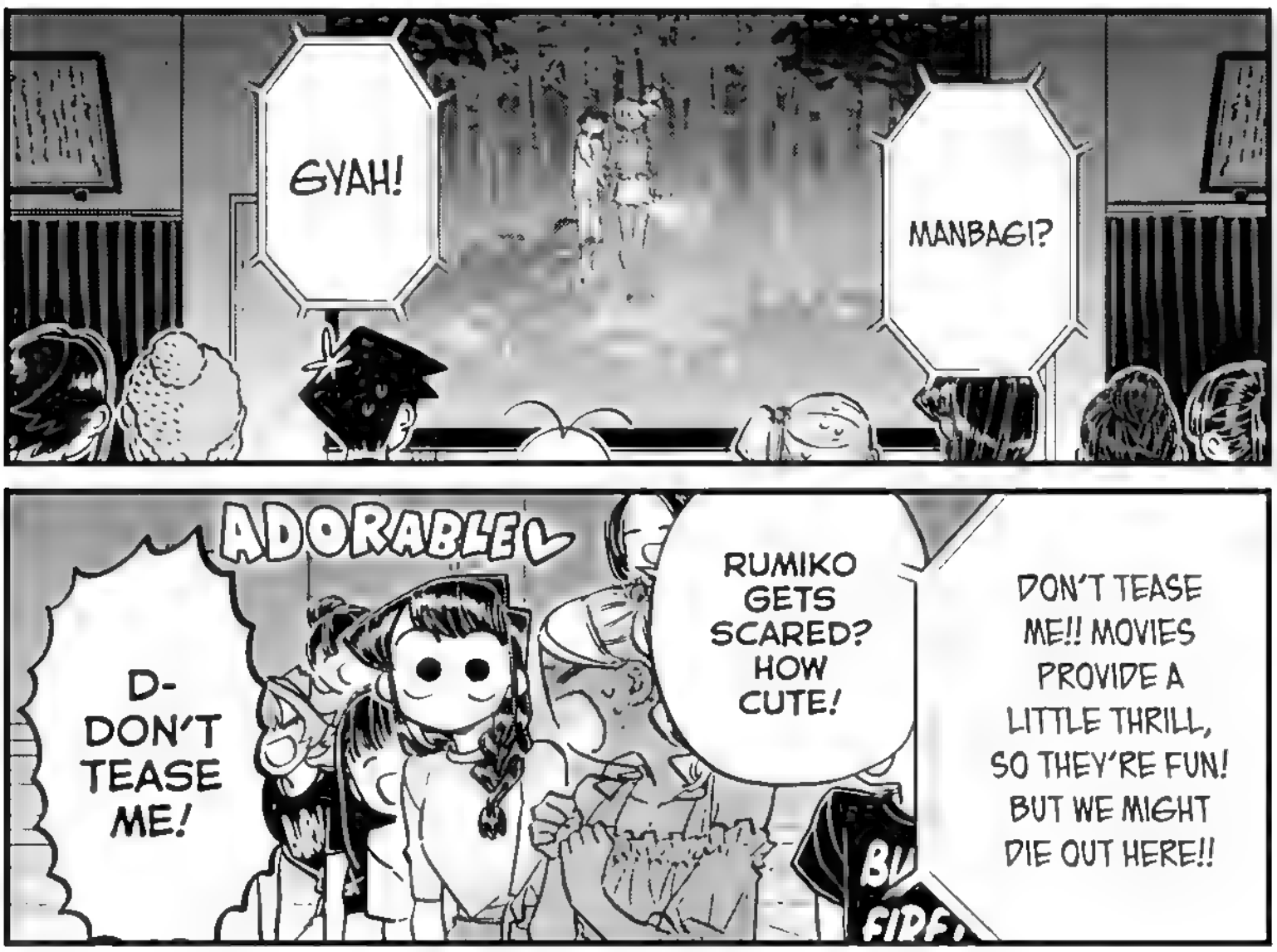
Y-YEAH, TELL US!

HUFF

TADANO! WHAT HOW DID KOMI'S HAND FEEL?!

Is Tadano crying?
AH HA HA HA
KOMI?!
KOMI?
...!
SHH!
OOH! THERE'S ME!
KOMI...
SMAK
Konjac jelly
KYAAAH
THE BOYS HAVE IT SO EASY...
The girls don't envy Komi for the teasing of the boys.
WERE THEY SOFT? WARM?
STOP IT! THAT'S ENOUGH!
T
HAHA
BWA-HA
Y-YEAH, TELL US!
TADANO! WHAT HOW DID KOMI'S LIPS FEEL?!

GASP
Wasn't paying attention because she was trying to recall if she said anything strange
NEXT IS RUMIKO AND TADANO!
...
YOU LIKE HORROR, SO YOU MUST BE GOOD AT THIS.


GYAH!
MANBAGI?
ADORABLE♡
D-DON'T TEASE ME!
RUMIKO GETS SCARED? HOW CUTE!
DON'T TEASE ME!! MOVIES PROVIDE A LITTLE THRILL, SO THEY'RE FUN! BUT WE MIGHT DIE OUT HERE!!

I CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE!

KYAAH!

AH HA HA HA

...

WHY'RE YOU CLINGING TO ME?!

?!

HWAP

DID YOU! MAKE! CONTACT ?!

W-WITH WHAT?!

DID YOU MAKE CONTACT?

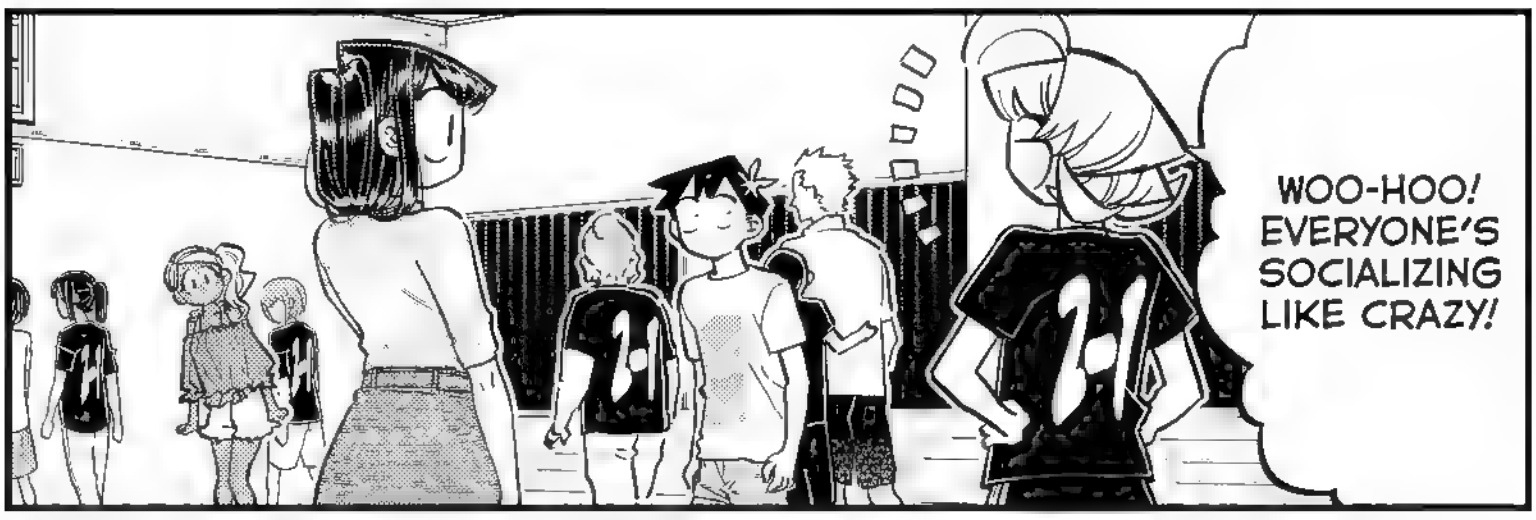
?!

SOB!
SOB!
SOB!
STOP IT!
SHUT THIS OFF!!
NO, DON'T LEAVE MEEEEE!

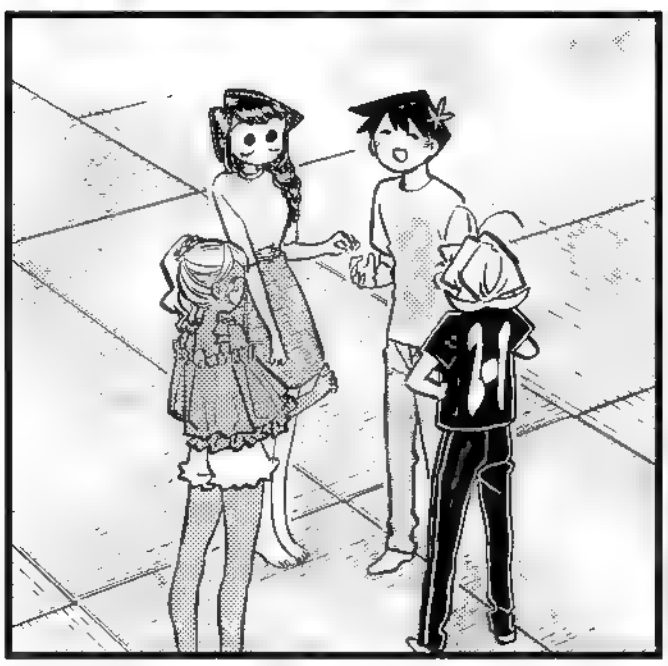
WHOOOA
...AND I'LL LEAD YOU BACK.
JUST CLOSE YOUR EYES...

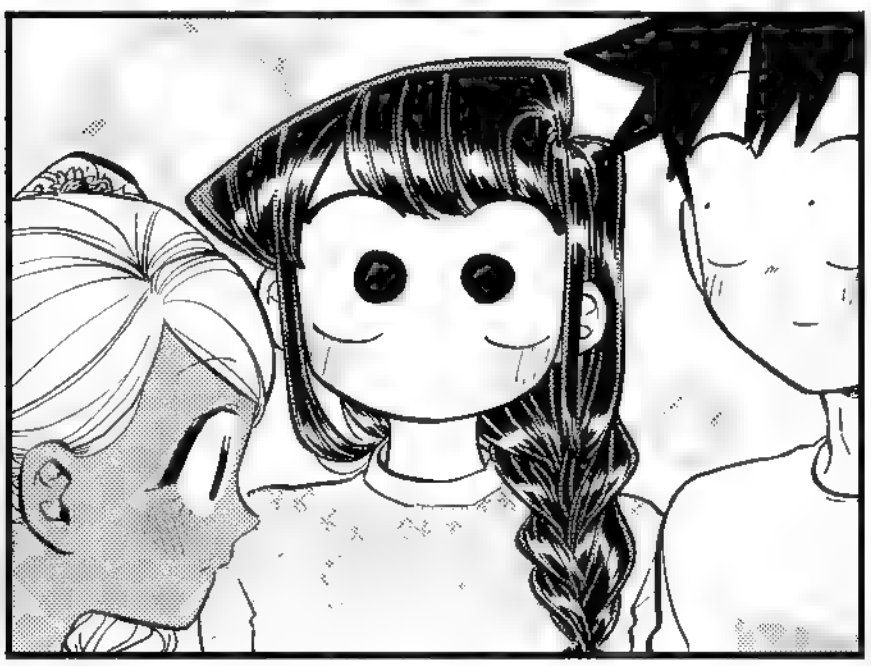
How did you get that shot?!
ENOUGH! SHUT THIS OFF!!!
...AND I'LL LEAD YOU BACK.
JUST CLOSE YOUR EYES...
Camera 2

WHEW! WHAT A RIOT!
BURN. FIRE!
DON'T WORRY! AT LEAST YOUR SWEAT DOESN'T STINK!
Uh-huh!
YOU WERE SORTA COOL, NARUSE!
...
?!
UNLIKE USUAL.
HEH!
Y-YOU LOOKED SO GOOD!
Kyaah!
PLEASE... STOP...
THAT WAS COOL, BRAH.
YOU SHOWED GREAT COURAGE, TADANO.
?!
UM, KOMI?
WELL DONE, MAN!
SURE, GO AHEAD !!
DO YOU REALLY MEAN IT?!
YOU WERE CUTE, MANBAGI! TEE HEE HEE! OR CAN I CALL YOU RUMIKO?


WOO-HOO! EVERYONE'S SOCIALIZING LIKE CRAZY!

SO THE PRANK WAS A SUC-CESS!!
RIGHT ?





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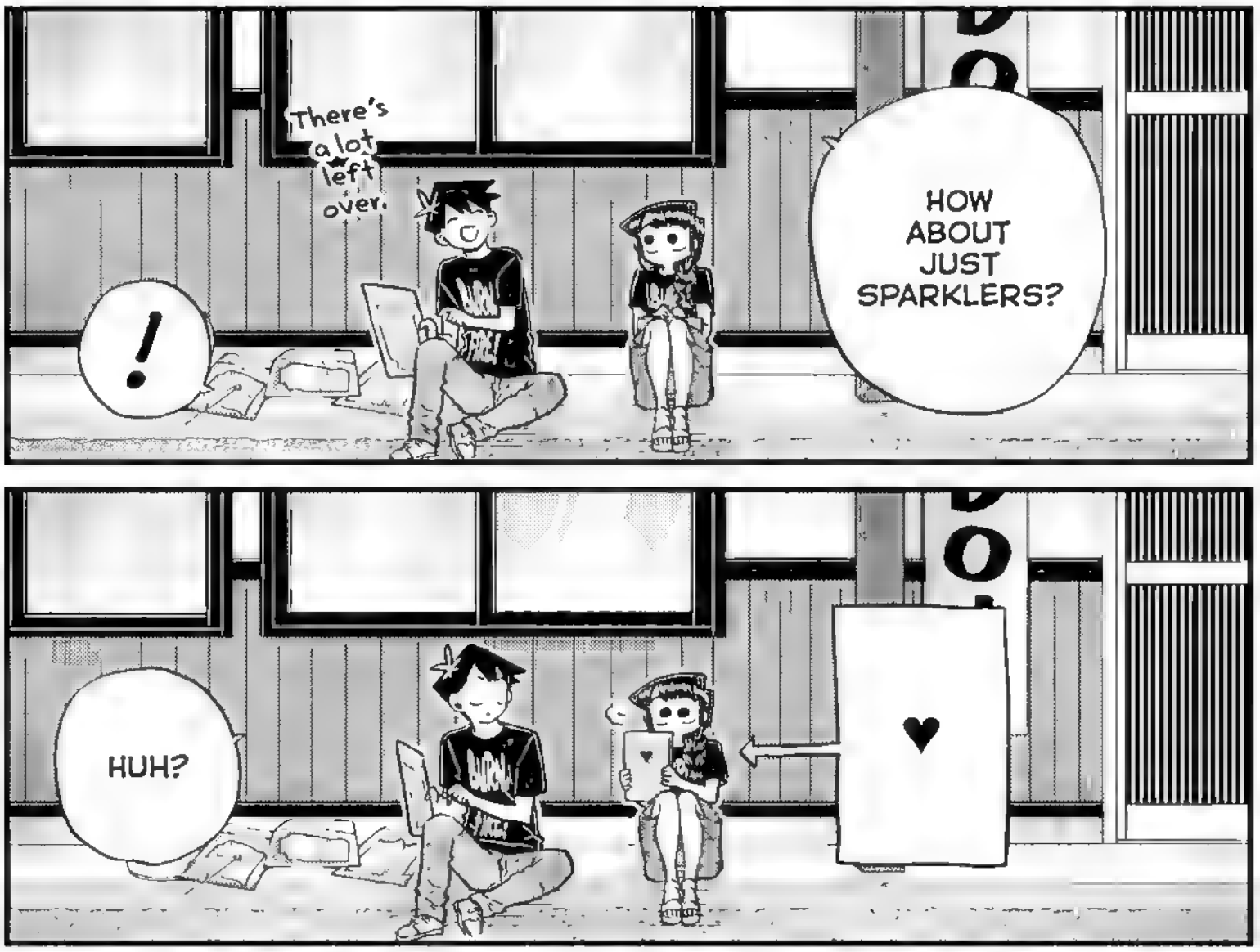
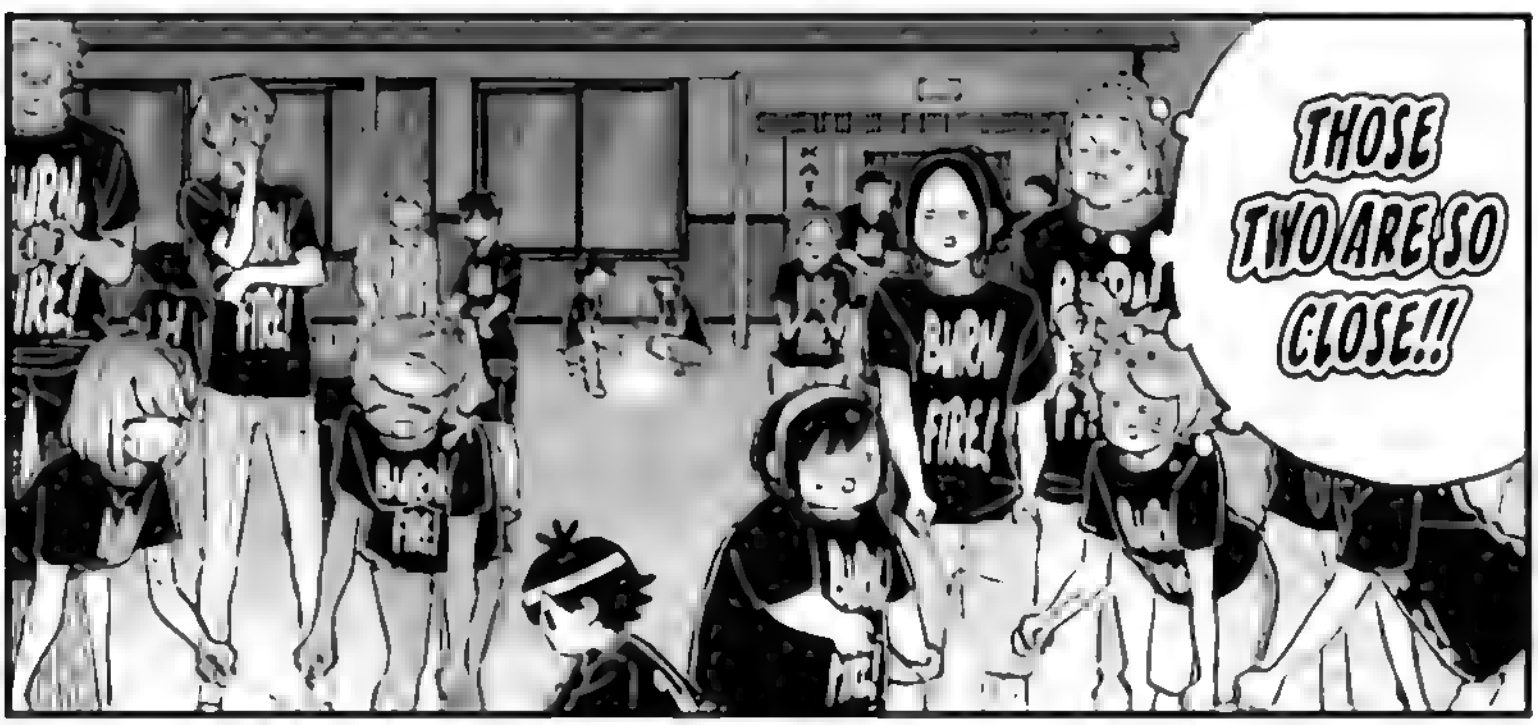
Communication 190: Sparklers


There's a lot left over.
!
HOW ABOUT JUST SPARKLERS?
HUH?
♥

OH, RIGHT! OF COURSE! I KNEW THAT!!
FWUP
BURN FIRE!
"I meant the fire-works!!"
FWIK



Communication 190 — The End

Komi Can't Communicate

Communication 191: Mosquitoes

FWIK

KTUNK

Vapo (electric mosquito repellant)

...

GLANCE GLANCE

GASP

!!

BUZZZZZ

NOD NOD

Going for a refill

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
!!
BUZZZZZ
Can't find any

Trembling in intervals to shake off mosquitoes

Wrapping up in fear

TREMMMBLE

Relaxing as the buzz fades

PHEW

...

GASP

But maybe it's under her blanket?!

...!!

D-DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT!!

Father

?!

"W-where's the Vapo juice?"

...

...

RUSTLE RUSTLE

KACHAK

?

BUZZZ

Tadano's situation ...

BUZZZZZZ

...

SWIP

SWIP

BUZZZZZZZZZZ

BUZZZZZZZZZZ

...

...

Descends like a guillotine at the sound of a buzz
...
Buzzzzzzz
SWAT
SWAT
Buzzzzzzzzz
But he misses, so more mosquitoes gather.
Buzzzzzzz
...

FWIK

?!

FWIK

SIIIIGH

Can't find them

...

BUZZzzzzzzzzzz

BUZZzzzzzzzzzz

!!

FWIK

Missing, then losing sight of it

FWISH

?!

SHAT

BUZZZZZZZ

?!

?!

?!

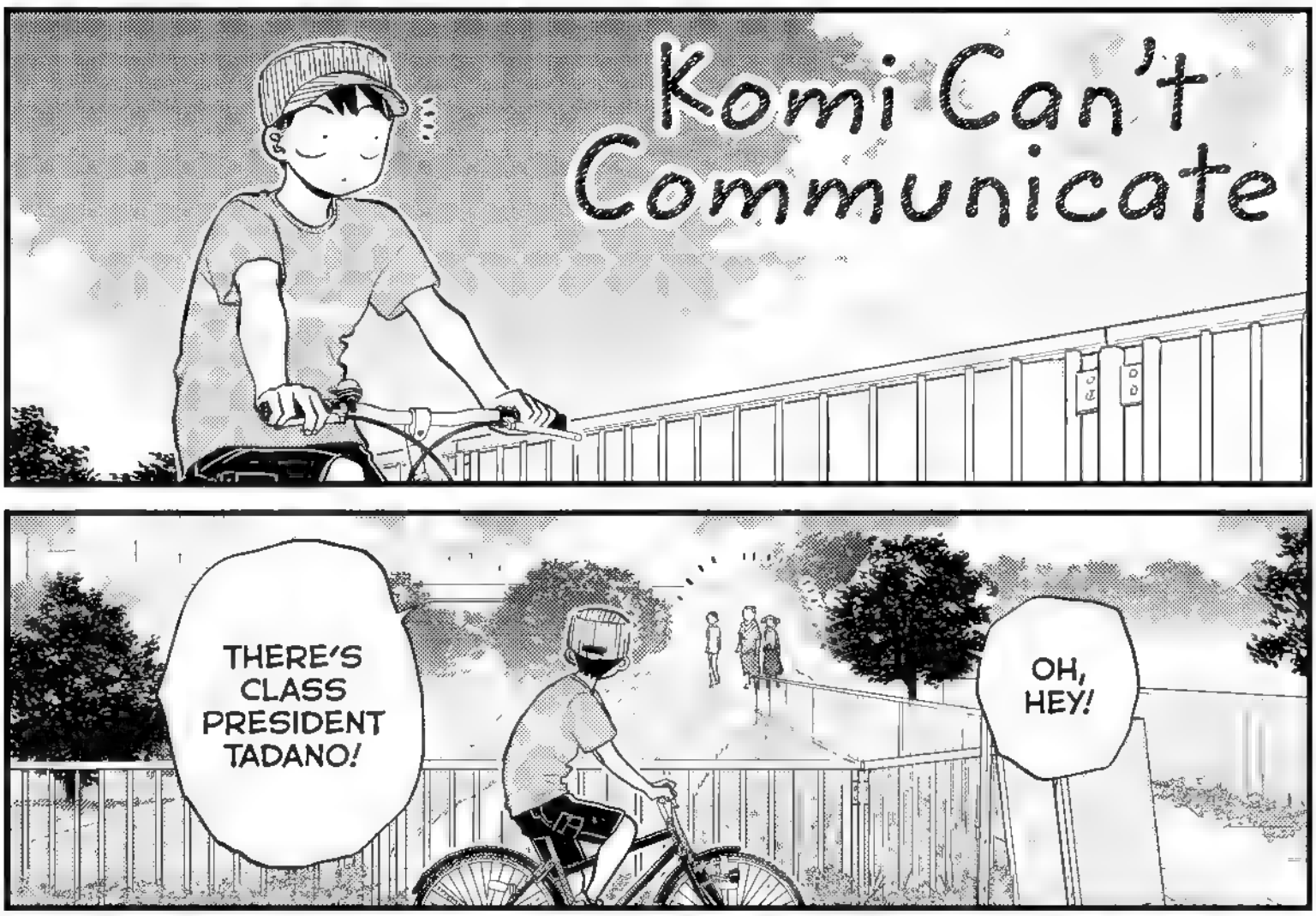
SHASH

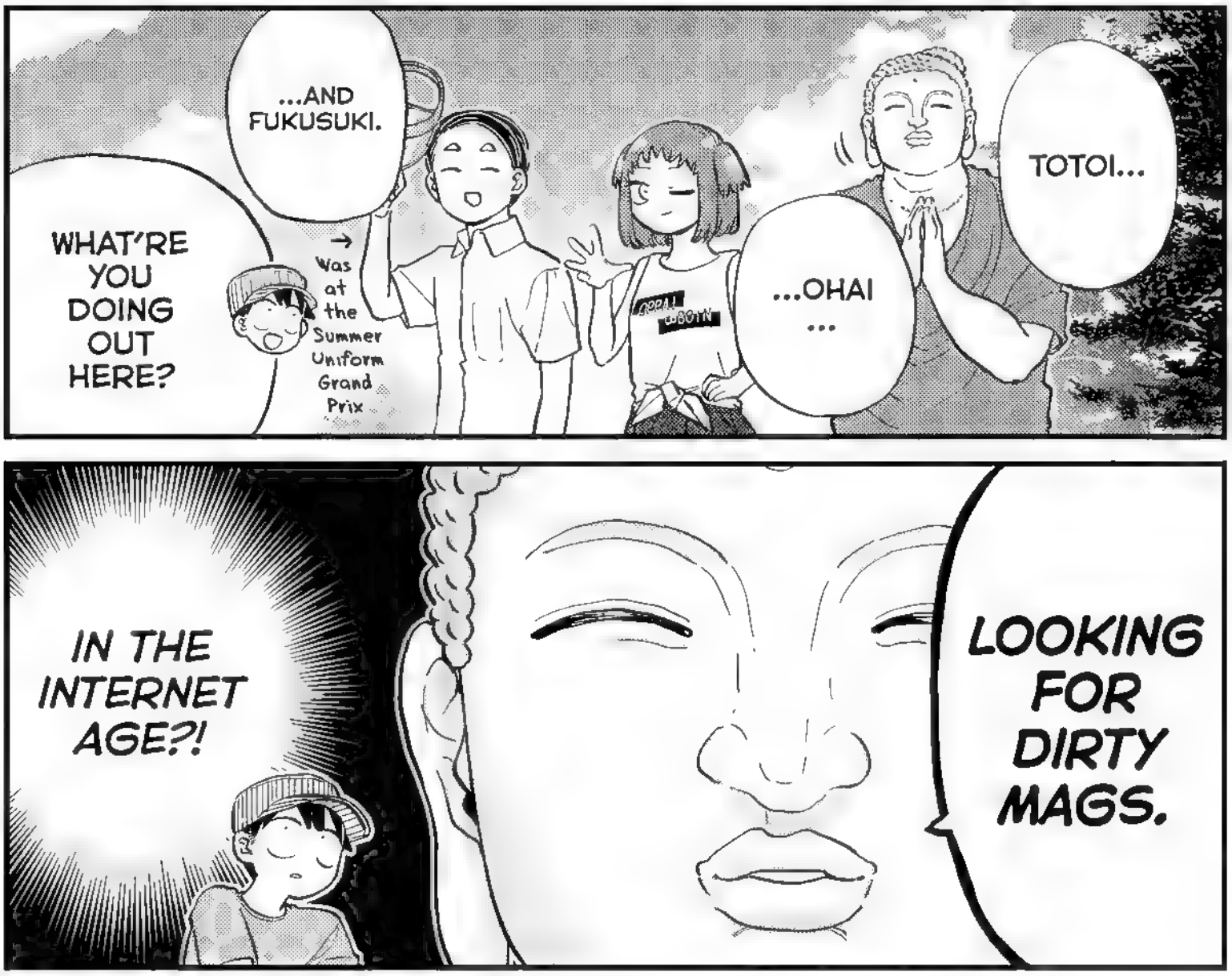
Magic hand

S-sorry.

ENOUGH WITH TURNING THE LIGHTS ON AND OFF!

Communication 191 — The End





Communication 192: The Riverside Magazine Hunters Club

AND WE'RE IN PUBERTY.

NO, WE'RE TOO OLD FOR THIS!!

BECAUSE SEXUALITY IS AN INSEPARABLE PART OF LIFE.

WHY?!

...!

WHAT?

HUH?

BESIDES, WHEN YOU INTRODUCED YOURSELF TO THE CLASS, YOU SAID YOU GOT CAUGHT ONCE DOING THIS VERY THING!!

YES, AND I DID NOT REPENT.

AND YOU TURNED BEET RED WHEN YOU SAID YOU LIKE BOOBS!

SIIIIIGH

UNBE-LIEVABLE!

AND YOU! YOU LIKE CLOTHES! SUMMER CLOTHES!!

YES, THIN AND REVEALING ONES.

And what's under-neath.

Don't look so innocent about it!!

NO, I WILL NOT!!

WILL YOU JOIN US?

SHIIIIINE

BECOME ONE WITH THE *RIVERSIDE DIRTY MAG HUNTERS CLUB!*

THIS IS AN AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB?!

THERE IS NO NEED TO BE EMBAR-RASSED OR TO DENY...

...YOUR NATURAL INCLI-NATIONS.

HEY, THERE'S ONE!!

?!

DO YOU REALLY FIND THEM JUST LYING AROUND?

UH, YEAH.

THE MAGS, YOU MEAN?

Following for some reason

A GOOD STICK?

SWUP

A GOOD STICK.

SWSH

SWSH

YEAH, AND?

YOU ASKED ME IF DIRTY MAGS ...

...ARE FOUND JUST LYING AROUND.

YAAAAAAAAY

IS THIS SOMETHING HIGH SCHOOLERS DO?

They equipped themselves.

...FOR UNDERAGE INDIVIDUALS.

SOME FIND THEM OFFENSIVE. AND THEY AREN'T MEANT...

...BECAUSE THAT'S LITTERING.

SIMPLY DISCARDING DIRTY MAGS IS NOT ENCOURAGED...

ACTUALLY, WE'RE UNDERAGE TOO.

...TO PROMOTE WORLD PEACE.

THUS, WE HAVE A DUTY TO ATTEMPT TO FIND AND RECLAIM THEM...

THAT WAS SUDDEN !!

INDEED, TADANO. SO WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE GENRE?

FUKUSUKI ?!

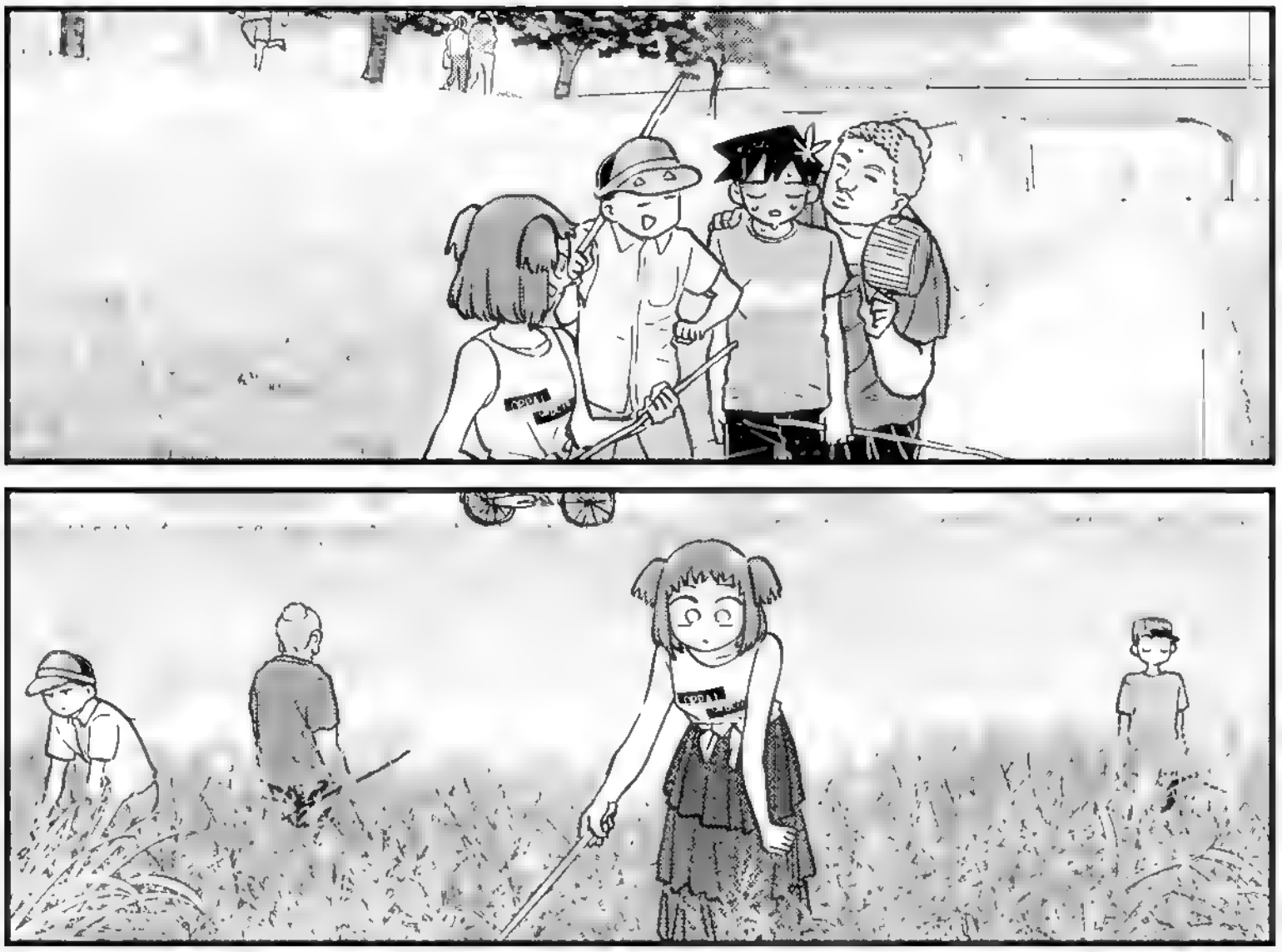
WHAT'S YOUR FETISH?

HOW MANY TIMES WHAT?!

HOW MANY TIMES A WEEK?

IN WHAT?!

IS KOMI INVOLVED?



TH-THERE IT IS!!

SPARKLE

GLEAM

SPARKLE

OH MY GOOD-NESS!

TADUMMMMM

WE ACTUALLY FOUND ONE!

RAUNCHY RESTAURANT

MONTHLY

DRINK YOUR MILK

THE TREASURED VOLUME!!!

UM, I DON'T NEED ANY.

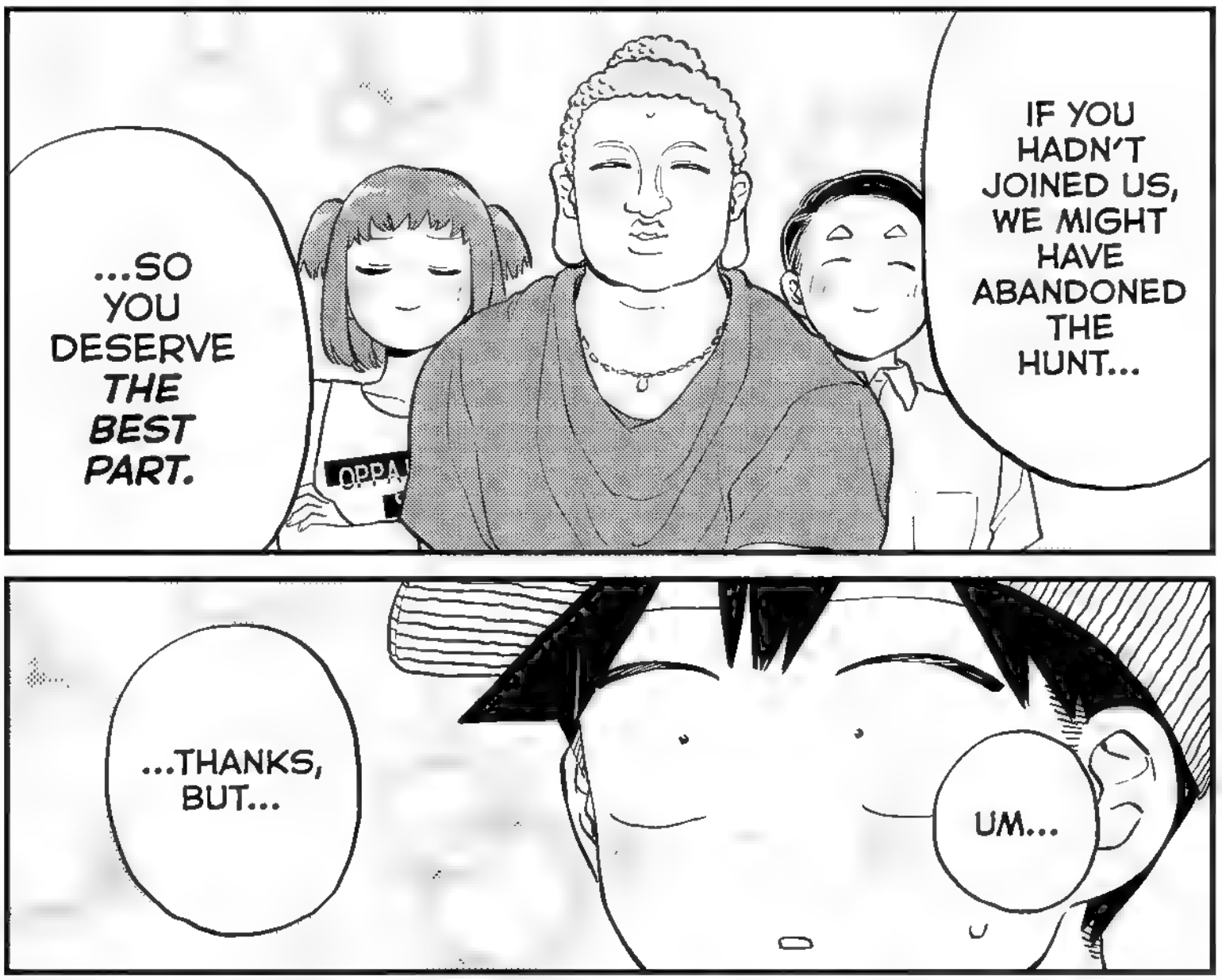
WE WILL DIVIDE THIS BLESSING INTO FOUR EQUAL PARTS.

I KNEW TADANO WOULD BRING US LUCK.

?!

GRAB

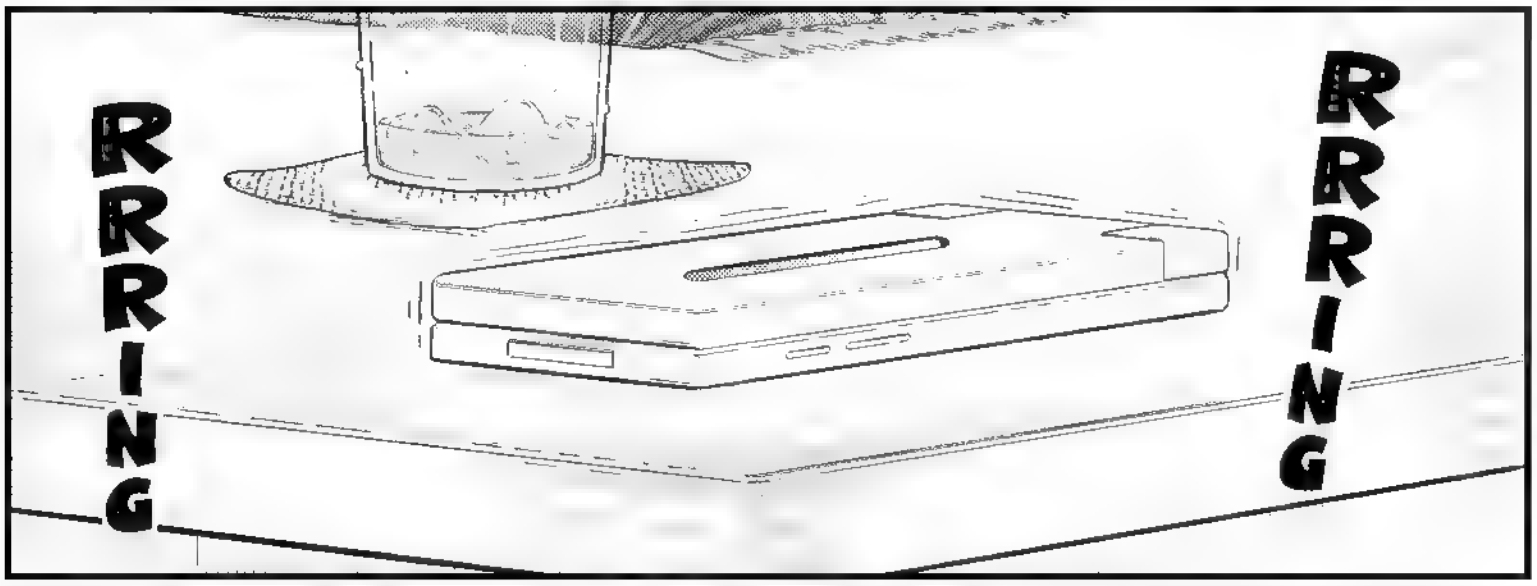
DON'T SAY THAT!

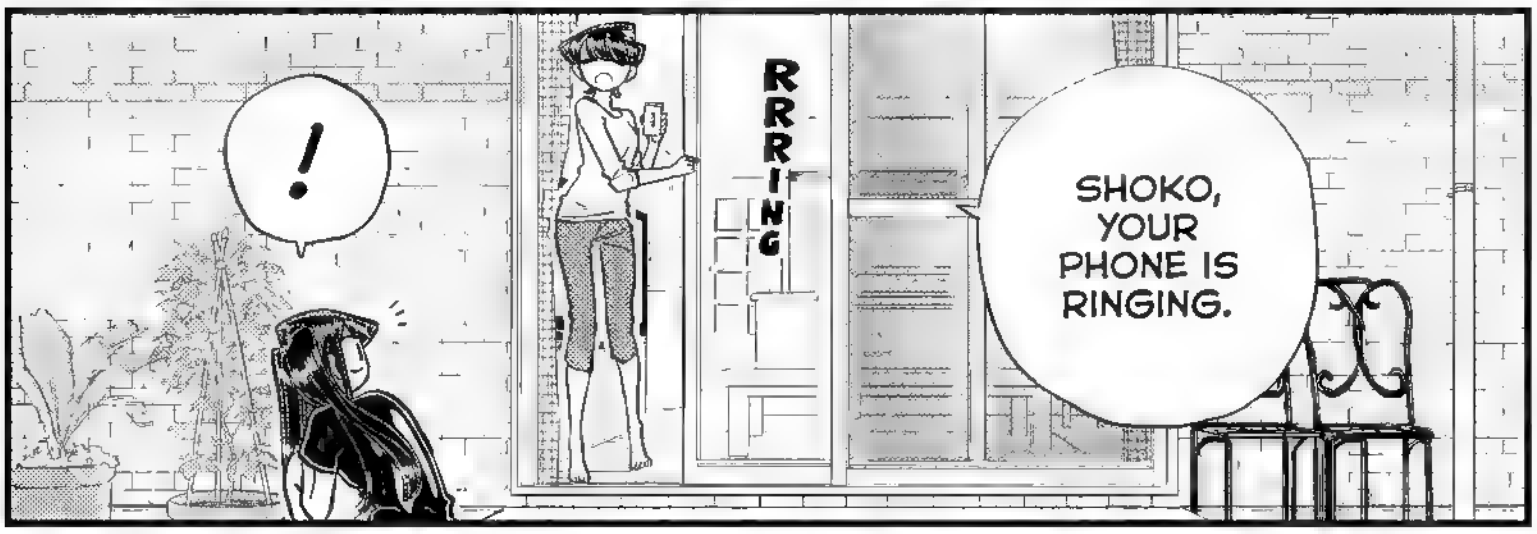

IF YOU HADN'T JOINED US, WE MIGHT HAVE ABANDONED THE HUNT...
...SO YOU DESERVE *THE BEST PART.*
...THANKS, BUT...
UM...

Let's go say hi!!
?!
AND OHAI!
GACK
HEY, THERE'S TADANO!
All Four
!!!
Hey, there!
HI! WHATCHA DOIN'?

Communication 192 — The End

Komi Can't Communicate





Communicate 193: Food Stand

But I really need your help...

SORRY

Sorry, everybody!

Makoto Katai

Hitohito Tadano

Rumiko Manbagi

Shoko Komi

YAKISOBA

!!

...at this food stand!

Um!! She's Agari's aunt!

!!

Matsuri Agari

It belongs to Matsuri Agari! So she'll train you!

!!

VWOOOOOOOSH

FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL

I'll be out enjoying the festival! See ya!

THANK YOU FOR FILLING IN ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE.

BOW BOW

I HEARD YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH MY NIECE.

SHE SEEMS TOTALLY NORMAL!

WHEW

SHE COULDN'T COME TODAY.

I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT TO DO.

Matsuri Agari gets hyper at festivals.

OKAY, EVERY-ONE?!

?!

LET'S MAKE THIS MIND-BLOWING!

HOOYEE-EEEAH!!!! THIS IS GONNA BE AWESOME !!!!

CLICK

THE 146TH OASHITA SUMMER FESTIVAL WILL NOW BEGIN!

GET YER YAKISOBA!! SOFT, STICKY, CHEWY AND DEEELI-CIOUS!!!

WELCOME! WELCOME!!

PUT YOUR BACK INTO IT, BOY!!

W-WEL-COME!

W-WEL-COME–

LOUD-ER!!!

?!

TADANO! I CAN'T HEAR YOU!!

S-SORRY!

SHE'S SCARY!

KATAI! WHAT'S THE HOLDUP WITH THAT STOCK?! ARE YOU BUFF OR JUST FAT?!

THIS IS A FESTIVAL! SO WORK IT, GIRLS !!

WORK IT?!

SHOKO! RUMIKO! GO ATTRACT CUSTOMERS!

FESTIVAL

BADOOOOM

!!

The Komi effect

TADANO!

WHY'S THE LINE MOVING SO SLOW?!

HUSTLE, HUSTLE !!!

UM, OKAY...

SAY "YES, MA'AM!!"

Yes, ma'am !!

SWOOOSH

WHAH ?!

TADANO! YOU'RE GETTING BONITO FLAKES ON YOUR PANTS!

SKWEEZE

?!!

KATAI! LEMME FEEL THAT PEC!!!

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!

AH HA HA HA HA HA HA!

?!

SHUM

FWSH

Matsuri?!

THAT'S WHY HER HELPERS NEVER STICK AROUND.

MATSURI'S GOING OVERBOARD AGAIN.

ARE Y-YOU ALL RIGHT ?!

YAK

KOYAKI

GLOOM

W-WELL, I'M GLAD YOU'RE ALL RIGHT.

I'M REALLY SORRY.

I LOSE CONTROL AT FESTI-VALS.

SORRY ...

It's Tadano and Katai's turn.

It's just me and Tadano now!!

FESTIVAL

OKAY.

IT'S HOT. TAKE TURNS SO YOU DON'T GET HEAT STROKE.

CHATTER

...I GOT STUCK IN A FOOD LINE!

Saku Fushima

CHATTER

I CAME FOR MANGA RESEARCH, BUT...

CLICK

?!

HELLO, FUSHIMA.

Yakisoba ($5)

YOU FORGOT YOUR FOOD! AND YOUR CHANGE!

$9.50

NO WONDER PEOPLE ARE LINING UP!

W-
WE'RE NOT
LOVE-
BIRDS!!
HUH
?!
Tadano
and
Rumiko's
turn
LOOKIT
THE
LOVEBIRDS
SELLIN'
NOODLES!!
GA
HA
HA
146TH
OASHITA

ONE
YAKISOBA
PLEASE.
...
Komi
and
Katai's
turn
UM,
HELLO?
IT'S JUST
THE MASTER
AND ME!!
WHAT
SHOULD
I TALK
ABOUT?!

CHATTER

Isn't scared of Rumiko

OKAY, I'LL GO GET MORE.

CHATTER

CHATTER

CHATTER

Rumiko and Katai's turn

SHE CALLS HIM MAKO?

WEL-COME!

MAKO, WE'RE ALMOST OUT OF NOODLES.

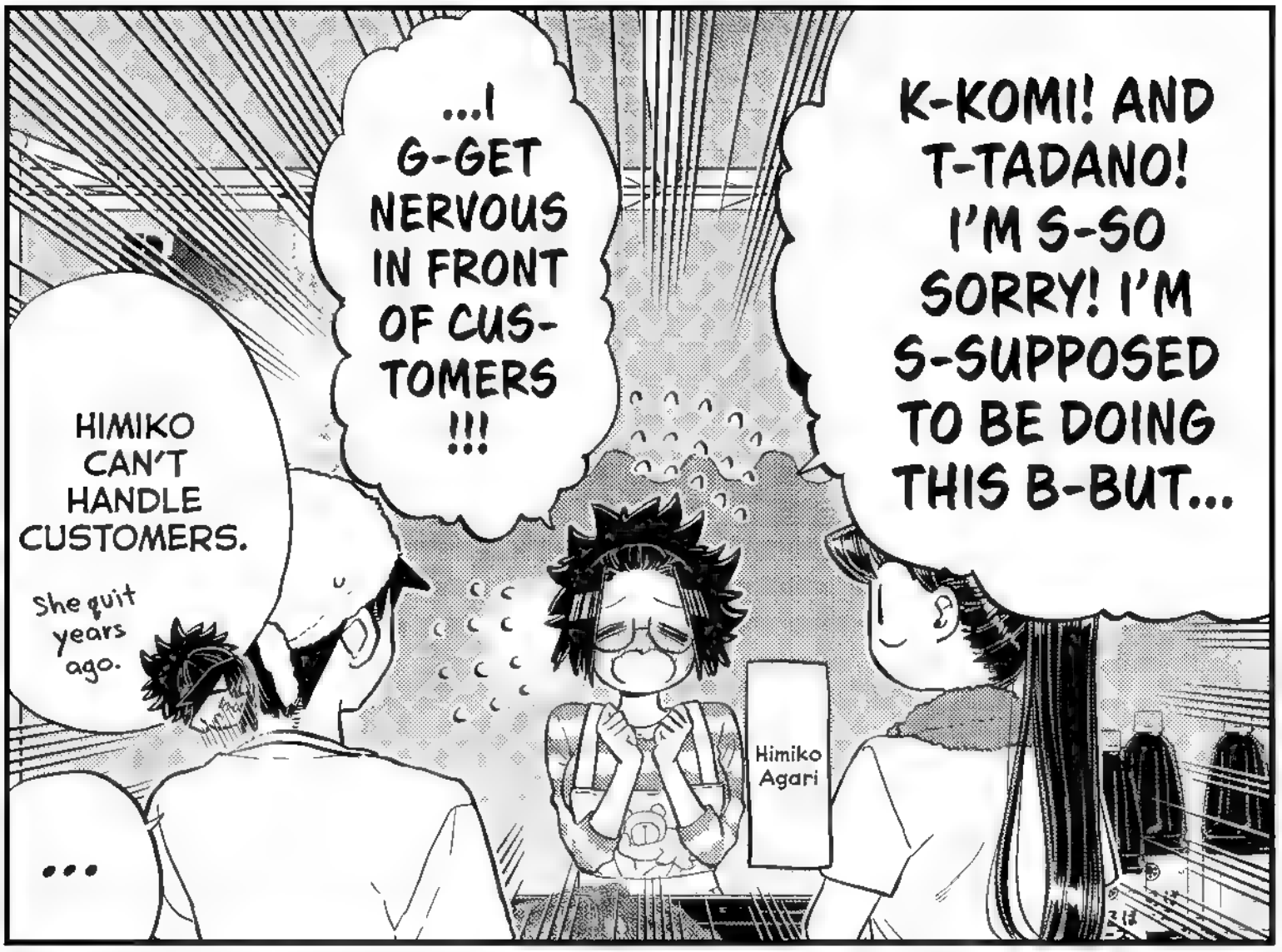
THOSE TWO?! NAH. NEVER GONNA HAPPEN!

GA HA HA HA HA HA

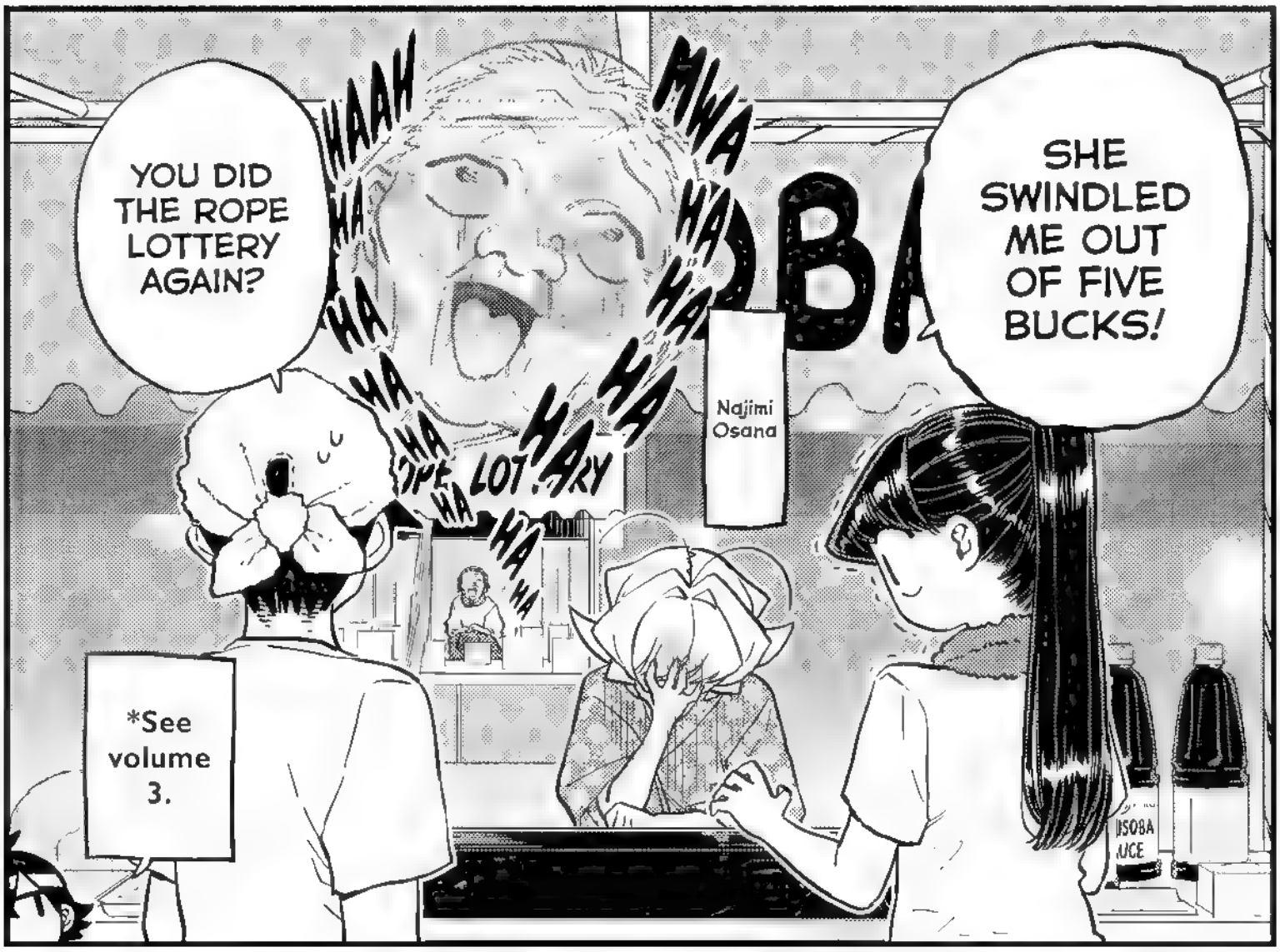
?!

Komi and Tadano's turn

LOOKIT THE LOVEBIRDS SELLIN'–


HIMIKO CAN'T HANDLE CUSTOMERS.
She quit years ago.
...
...I G-GET NERVOUS IN FRONT OF CUS-TOMERS !!!
K-KOMI! AND T-TADANO! I'M S-SO SORRY! I'M S-SUPPOSED TO BE DOING THIS B-BUT...
Himiko Agari
HUH?! I NEVER SAID THAT!!
IT ISN'T TRUE!!
Tadano!!
?!
...
MIKUNI INSISTED ON COMING TO SEE KATAI!
Mikuni Kato
Ayame Sasaki
HOW'S OUR FAVORITE MARRIED COUPLE DOING?
?!!

KID? A HUNDRED? UM...
HEY, KID! GIMME A HUNDRED OF KOMI'S NOODLES!
I'M SO BUMMED I CAN'T HANG AT THE FESTIVAL WITH YOU, KOMI!!
YES. ONE HUNDRED.
COMIN' UP...
Akako Onigashima
Ren Yamai
The boys
Himeko Kishi
YAKISOBA SAUCE
SOBA UCE


YOU DID THE ROPE LOTTERY AGAIN?
HAAH HA HA HA HA
MWA HA HA HA HA
LOTTERY
SHE SWINDLED ME OUT OF FIVE BUCKS!
Najimi Osana
*See volume 3.
ISOBA UCE

BOW BOW
!
G-GOOD EVENING!
IT'S R-REALLY KOMI!
MY TRUSTED ALLY! I HAVE COME WITH STALWARTS LOYAL TO OUR CAUSE!
THIS WAY, I WON'T LOOK LONELY!
Omoharu Naka-naka
UM, ONE YAKISOBA PLEASE.
!
NOD

Surprised to see Shosuke here
Kyaaah! Shosuke!
...
NO.
Hitomi Tadano
HI! I CAME TO SEE YA, BRO!
Ai Katai
Sho-suke Komi
GIMME FREE FOOD!!

GRAAH

AH RAAH

AND I WANTED A *PRETTY CURE* MASK AND I DIDN'T EVEN WHINE EITHER!

HEY, THERE'S THE SHAH GIRL! I WANTED COTTON CANDY AND I DIDN'T EVEN WHINE!

WAAH

...EVE ...

GOOD ...

KYAAH

WAAH

HEY!

HOW'S IT GOING, RUMIKO?

RAAH

YAAH

Kanna

Nene Onemine

Nana

Nono

Kaede Otori

...NING!

AREN'T WE GOOD KIDS?!

UH, HEY.

KISOBA SOBA SAUCE ICE

?!

YAKISOBA

DID YOU KNOW MAKERU WAS WORKING NEXT DOOR?

BENUJIT SPOPO

Makeru Yadano

CHOMP CHOMP

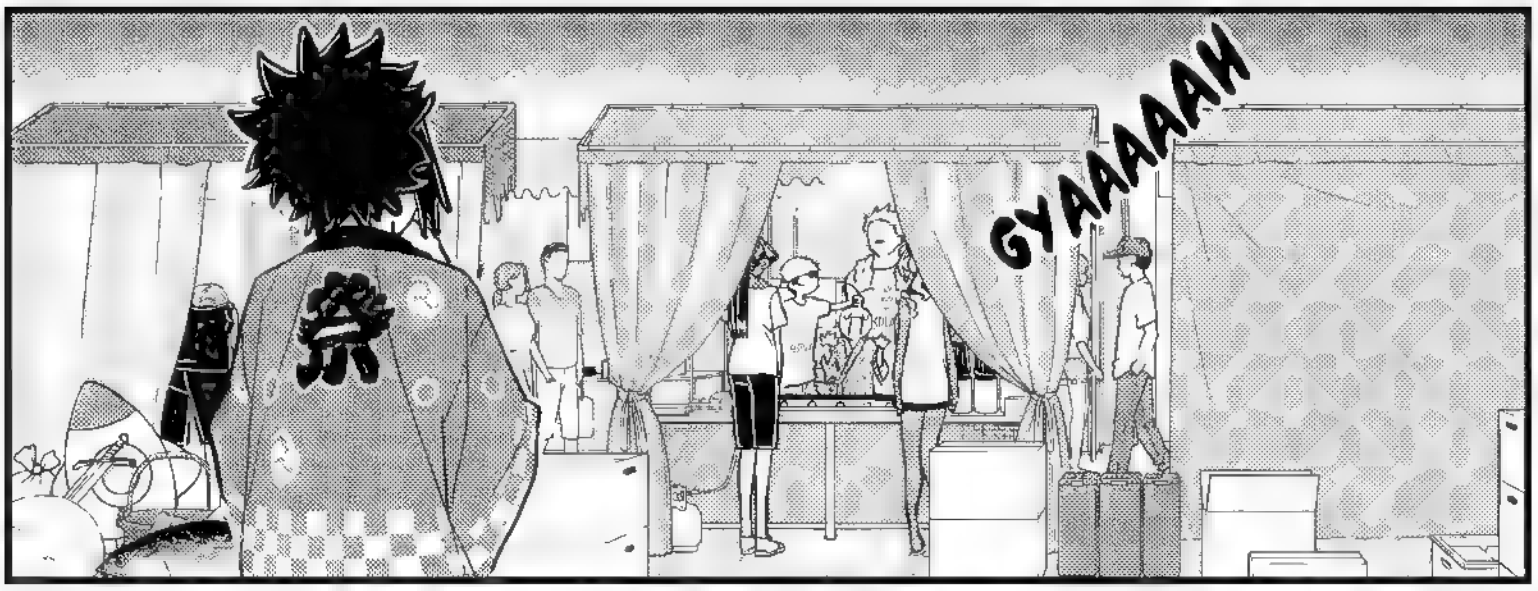
WHAT'S BENUJIT SPOPO?!

NARU, SHAKKU AND SHIBBY CAME TOO!
GOOD EVENING!
*Me too.
HEH! I HAVE COME.
WHAT'S WITH THOSE NICK-NAMES?!
Shibby
Shakku
Naru
YAKISOBA JCE SAUCE

SI-KILLER?! IS SHE GONNA POISON MY YAKISOBA?!
Shiota
HI, SI-KILLER!
Sai
SI-KILLER!
Oki
HEY, IT'S THE SILENT KILLER!
Michi
Shota Shiota
Lola Michisato
Chii Saiko
Itsuya Oki
Shiota was afraid to eat his yakisoba.
WHO'S SI-KILLER?
SOBA UCE

Quick! Snap a pic!
I COULD BUST A GUT!
BAGIKO TOTALLY FITS IN! HILARIOUS!
AH HA HA! SHOKOTASO AND BAGIKO ARE ROCKING THIS JOINT!!
?!
Mutan
Gonzales
Yukapoyo

HEH HEH...
OR JUST FIVE?
...CAN YOU LEND ME TEN BUCKS?
THE CANDY-CUTTING GUY IS BEING CRUEL, SO...
EARN IT BY WORKING HERE!
Najimi Osana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GYAAAAAH!

SHOKO
...
NOD
...YOU HAVE A LOT OF FRIENDS.
!

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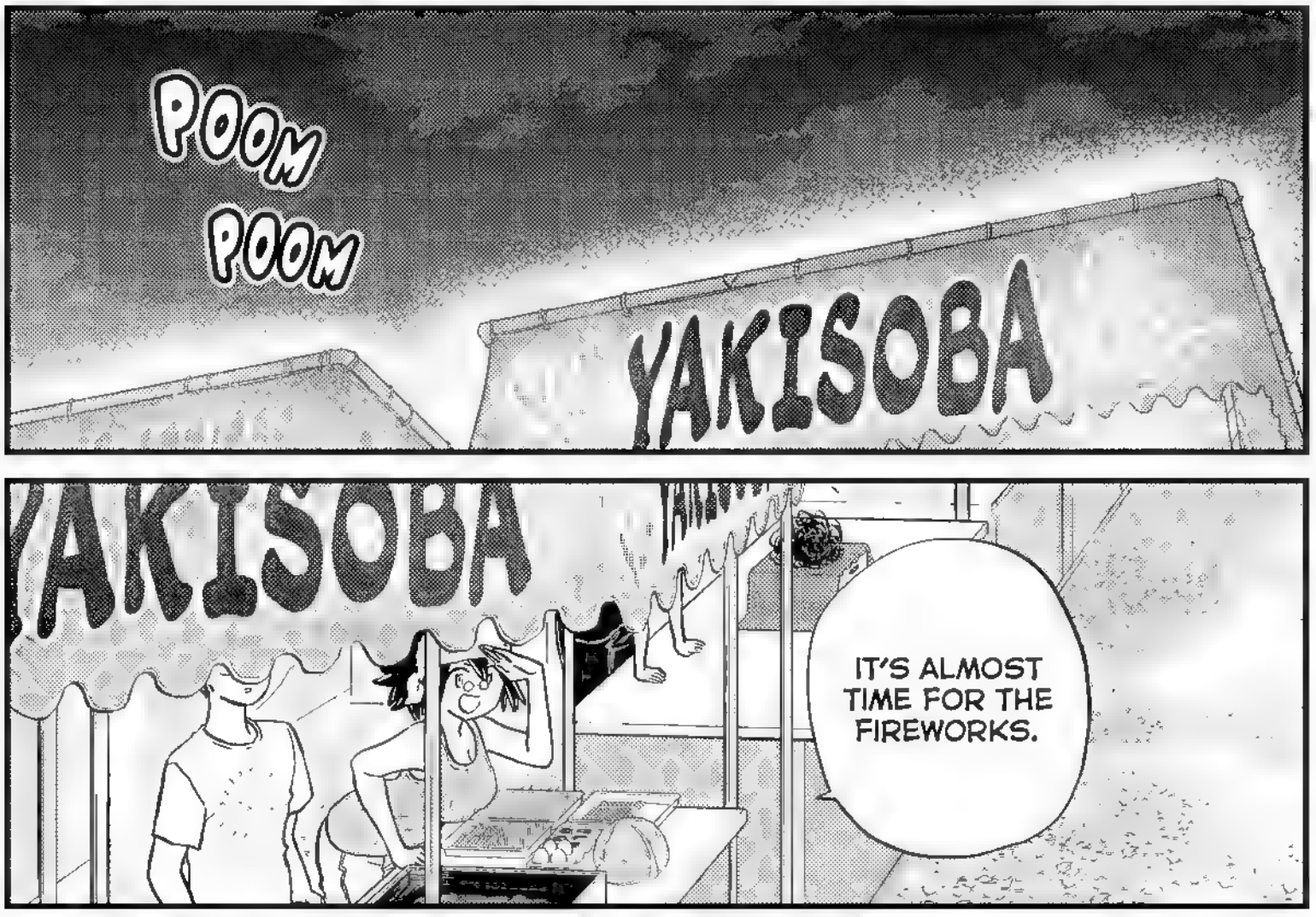


Communication 194: Fireworks

CHOCOLATE BANANA

CHATTER

FRIED CHICKEN

CHATTER

Tadano and Rumiko began walking toward the fireworks-viewing area.

FWEEEET

CHOCOLATE BANANA

FRIED

FWOOT

WELCOME

SPECIAL BATTER OKONOMIX

WELCOME

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO TALK ABOUT!!

...

...

YUP.
FESTIVAL
FESTIVAL
THE FOOD STAND IS HARD WORK, HUH?
...
FESTIVAL
FESTIVAL

YUP.
FESTIVAL
FESTIVAL
UM...
...HAVE YOU FINISHED YOUR HOMEWORK? THERE WAS A LOT!
YUP.
?!
FESTIVAL
FESTIVAL
AH... HA HA...

BABMP BABMP BABMP BABMP

...!!

WHY DO I GOTTA WATCH THE FIREWORKS WITH TADANO?!

STOMP STOMP STOMP

HOW DID THIS HAPPEN ?!

BABMP BABMP BABMP BABMP

146TH OASHITA

C-CALM DOWN! YOU'RE ALWAYS TOGETHER!!

BUT WHAT SHOULD WE TALK ABOUT ?!

...

W-WHAD-DAYA WANT ?!

?!

HUH ?!

HEY, UH—

YESH? T

M YESH?

Y...

...YESH, I DO. M

T REMEMBER WHEN WE WENT TO THE BEACH?

W-WHAT ?!

...I, UH...

WHEN THOSE BOYS TALKED TO YOU...

Spit it out already!!

Please, let go of her.

!!

Flashback

S-SORRY FOR SAYING I WAS YOUR BOYFRIEND.

FWOOOOOSH

RIGHT?!

YOU MUST'VE BEEN MORTI-FIED!

I MEAN, WHAT WAS I TALKING ABOUT, RIGHT?!

SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE

...IT WAS PRESUMP-TUOUS.

I JUST WANTED TO HELP, BUT...

...

YAK

YEAH, SORRY.

FWIP

THAT'S RIGHT, IT WAS!

146TH OASHITA SUMMER FESTIVAL

TEE HEE!

YO-YOS

...

...

CHILLED PINEAPPLE
GRILLED SQUID
GRILLED SQUID
YOU'RE SO SILLY!
???
STMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
AH HA HA!
CHILLED PINEAPPLE
SUMMER FESTIVAL
TEE HEE!

I HAVEN'T EATEN SINCE LUNCH.

SHALL WE BUY SOME-THING?

For Komi too!

GOOD IDEA.

HM?

They saw the whole thing.

GLANCE

GLANCE

N-
NO!!

WANNA PLAY?

There's still time.

OKAY, JUST A LITTLE!!

...

...

ALL RIGHT, THANKS.

I'LL HOLD YOUR THINGS.

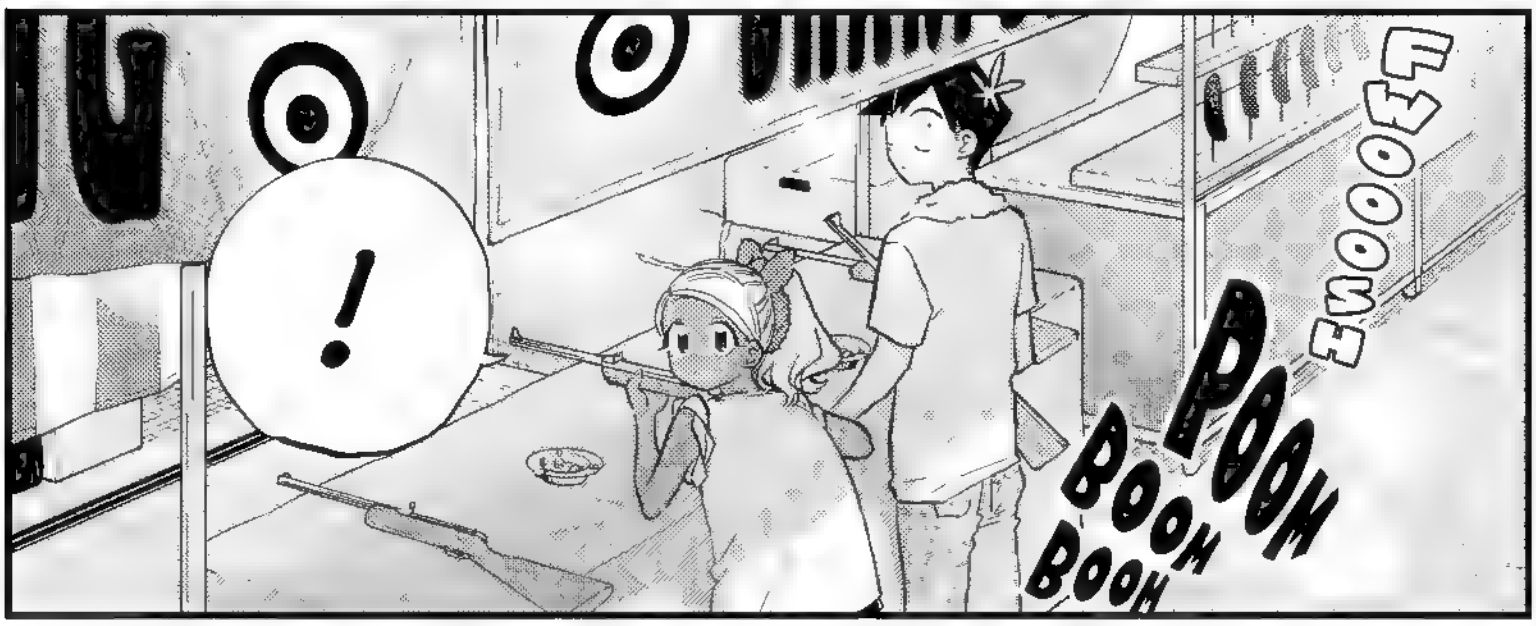
GRIN

!

BUT YOU SHOULD PLAY TOO!

14
"DASHITA"
SUMMER
TIVAL
SPECIAL BATTER
KONOMIYAKI
YUM
TAKOYAKI
SPECIAL MADE
...
SURE.
UH...

HM?
They saw the whole thing.


!
KOOOM
POOH
BOOH
BOOH

UM, OKAY...
SHUV
LET'S HURRY, TADANO!
UH-OH! THE FIREWORKS ARE STARTING! I DON'T WANT TO MISS THEM!
CHICKEN STEAK
TAKOYAKI
MOUNTAIN'S FAMOUS
BABY CASTELLA
...AND I'LL LEAD YOU BACK.
PLEASE, LET GO OF HER
NO, I HAVEN'T.
YES, I'M HER BOY-FRIEND.
YEAH... I GOT IT.
I THINK YOU LOOK BETTER ...
KOMI, YOU TWO CAN KEEP GOING.
Right ?!
YOU MUST'VE BEEN MORTIFIED!
I MEAN, WHAT WAS I TALKING ABOUT, RIGHT?!

ACTUALLY, I DIDN'T MIND AT ALL!

YOU ALWAYS MAKE UNNECESSARY GUESSES! AND YOU'RE GOOD AT IT!!

Unnec- essary?

STOP GUESS- ING!!

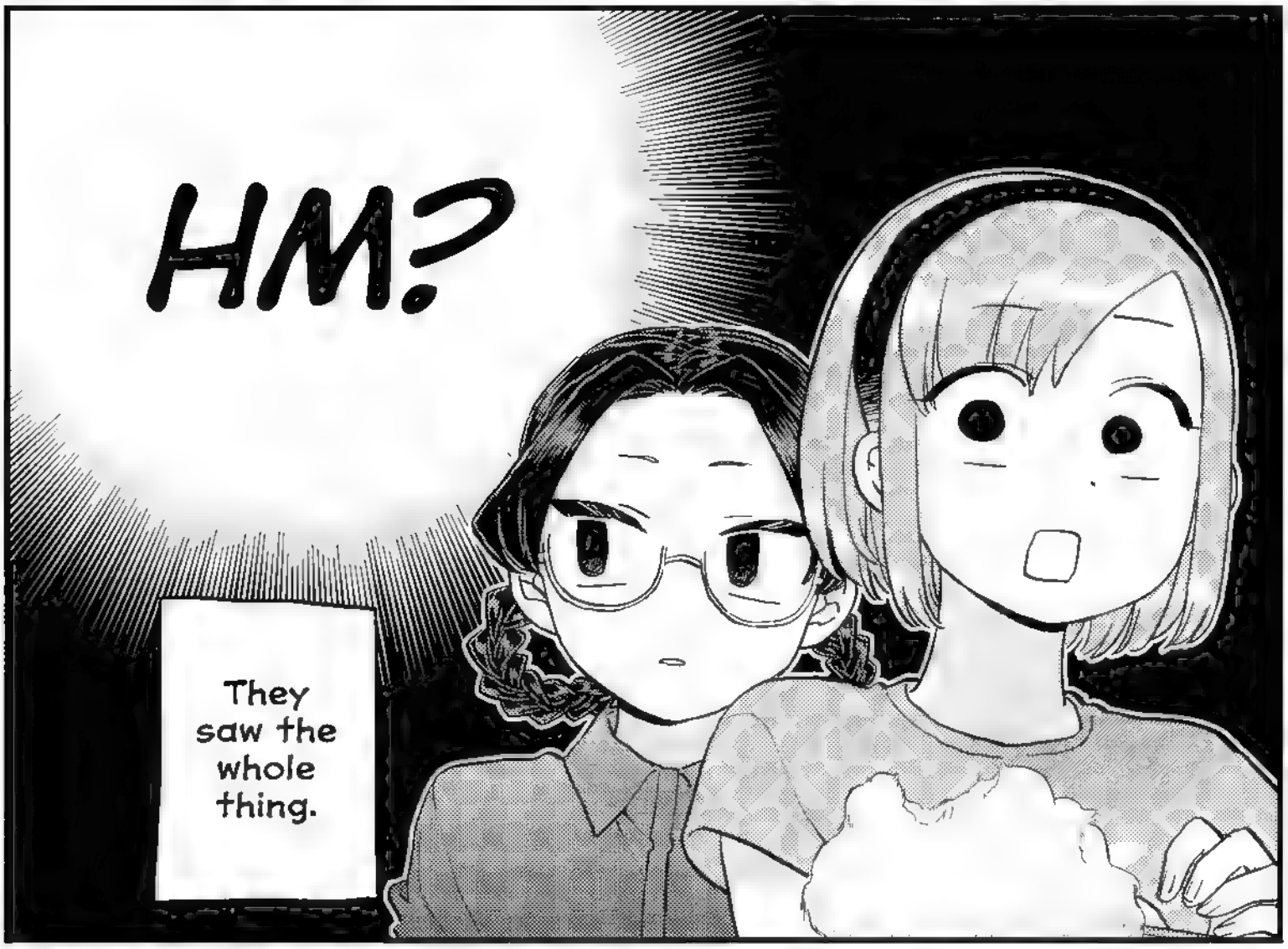
YOU MEAN AT THE BEACH?

OH, NEVER MIND!

HUH? DIDN'T MIND *WHAT?*

AH HA HA!

TAKOYAKI
OSAKA
I'M NOT TELLIN'! TEE HEE!
?!
AH HA HA!
WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING ?


HM?
They saw the whole thing.

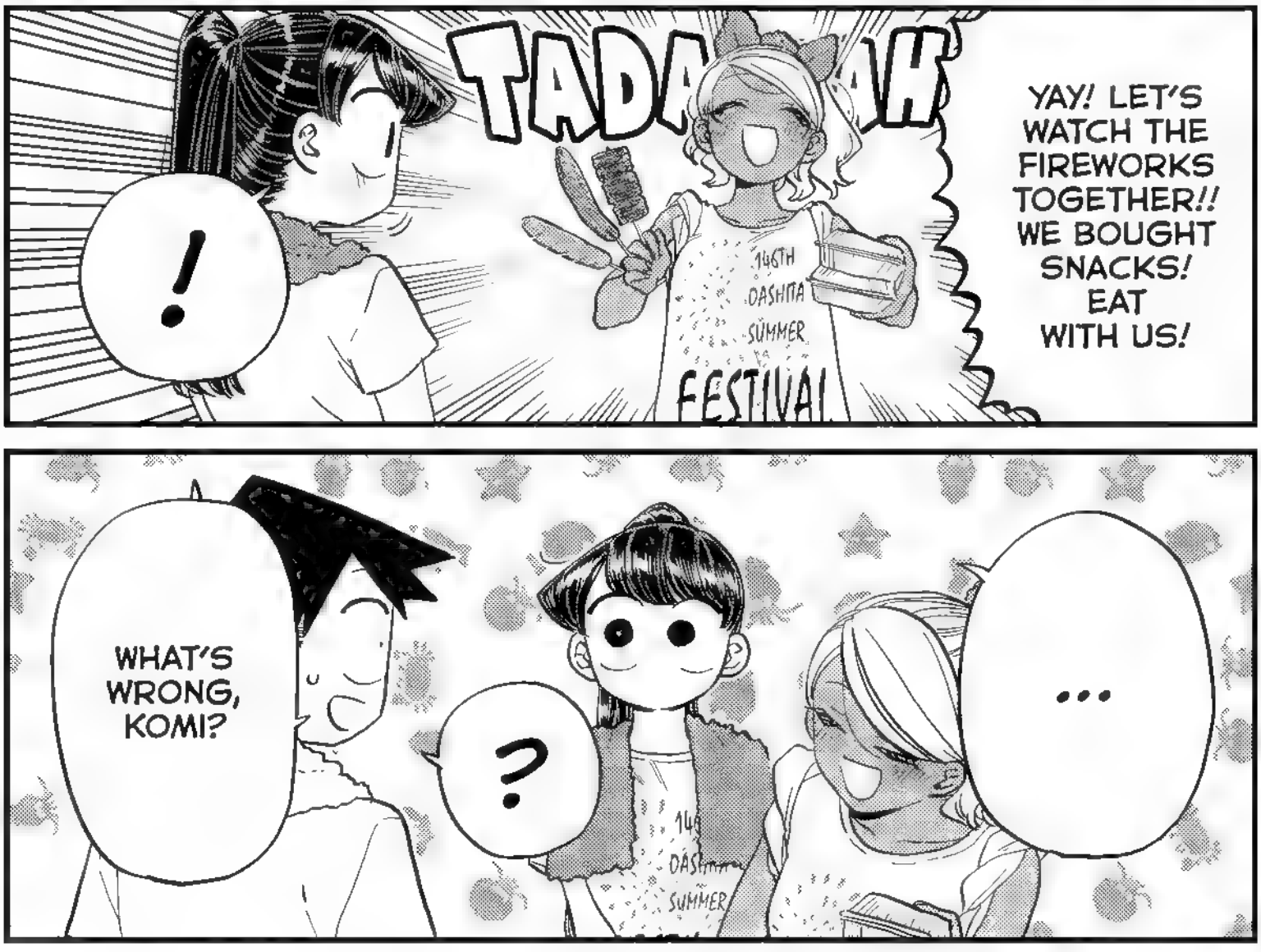
OH NO...

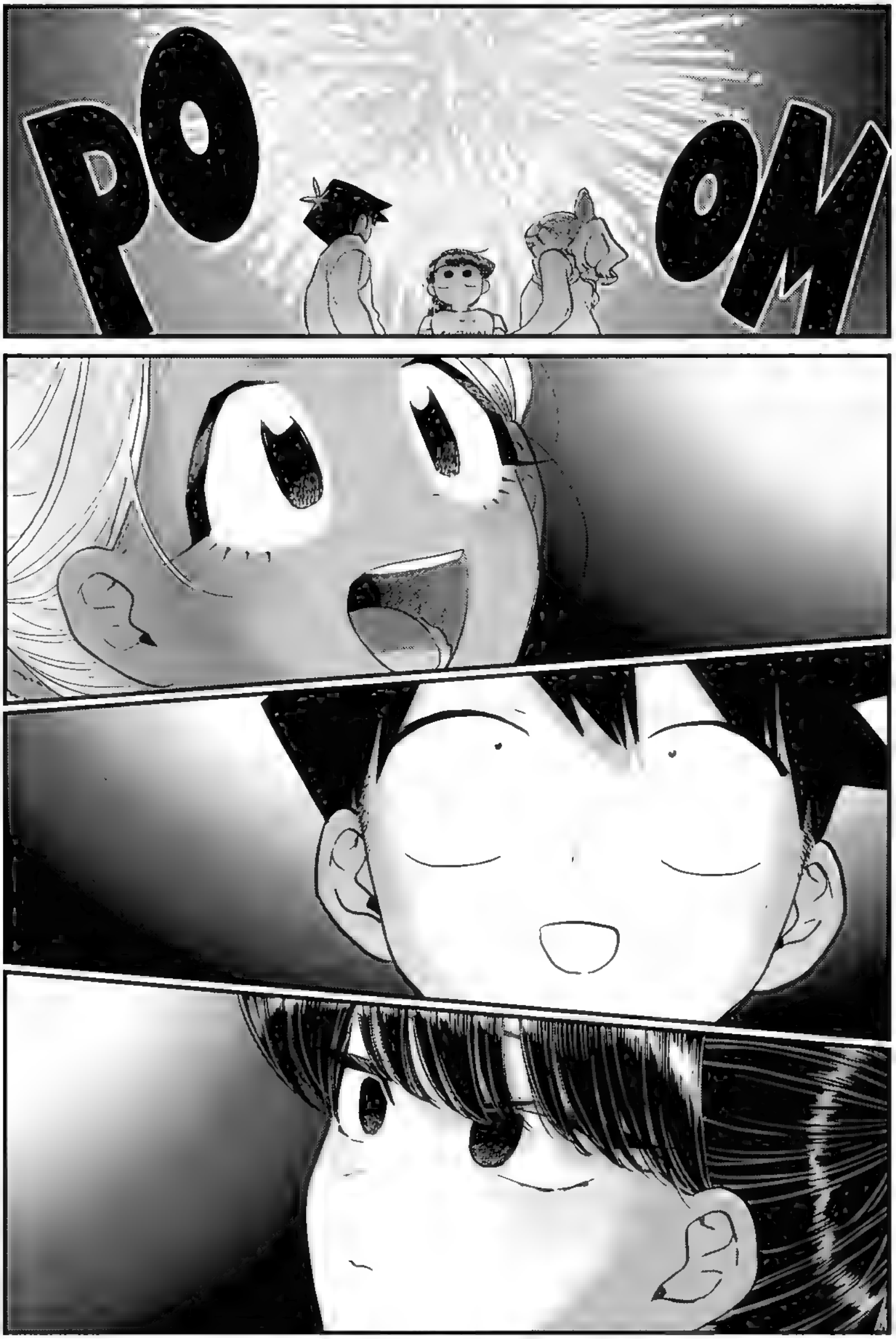
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HA HA...
ARE YOU STILL LAUGH-ING?
HA HA HA!

146TH
...I'VE TOTALLY GOT A CRUSH ON TADANO!

SUMMER
FESTIVAL

OH, THERE'S KOMI!
TWINKLE
!
BOOM
JOLT
FESTIVAL
ALL DONE AT THE STAND?
"I'm supposed to lure in customers."
OH, I SEE.
YOU MUST HAVE PASSED US ALONG THE WAY.


TADAAAH
!
YAY! LET'S WATCH THE FIREWORKS TOGETHER!! WE BOUGHT SNACKS! EAT WITH US!
FESTIVAL
WHAT'S WRONG, KOMI?
?
...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OK

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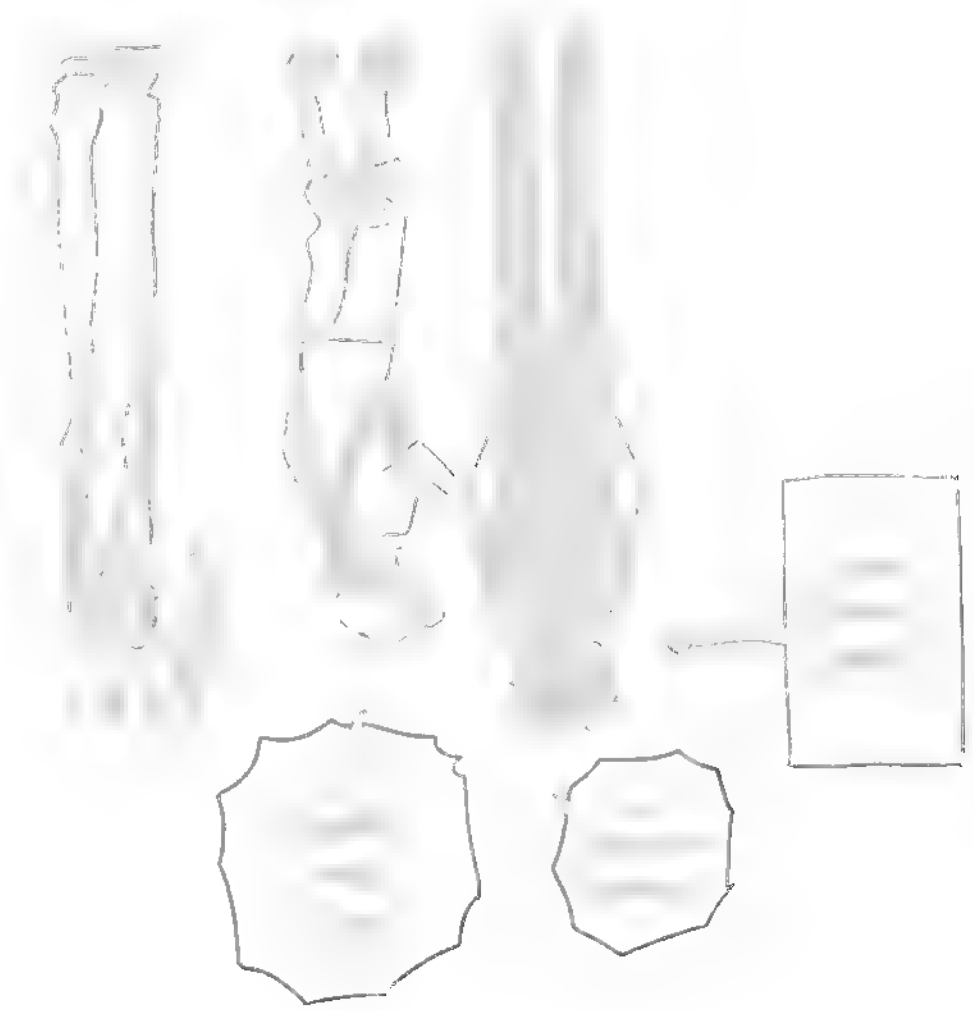

Komi Can't Communicate

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Communication 195: Three Parties

...CERTAIN INCIDENTS THAT OCCURRED ON THE NIGHT OF THE SUMMER FESTIVAL.

?

THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO INVESTI-GATE...

Kato's house

?

ooo

?

WHAT ?!

KATO, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

NO! IT'S UNCOM-FORTABLE FOR ME TOO!

???

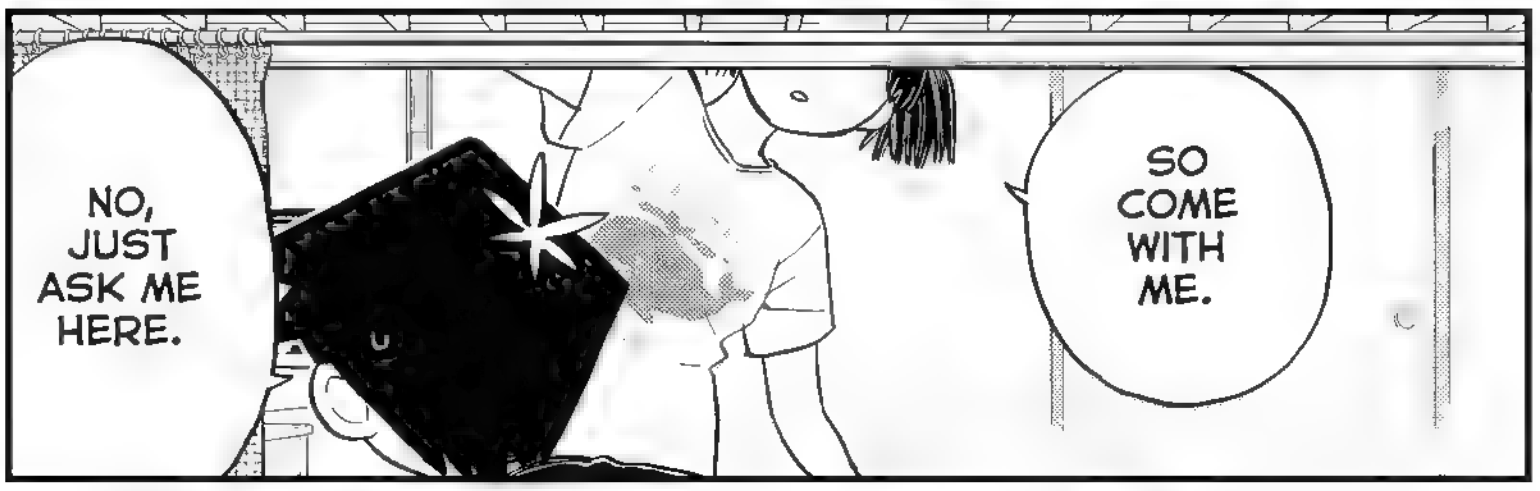
GRAAH GRAAH

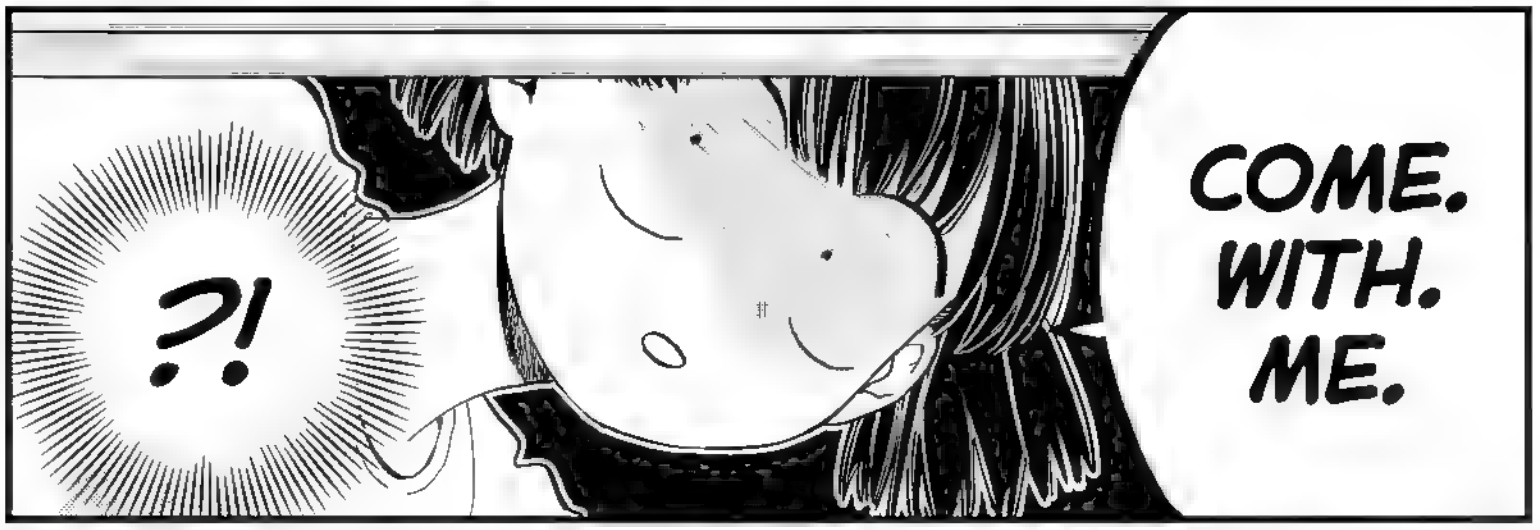
GRAAH

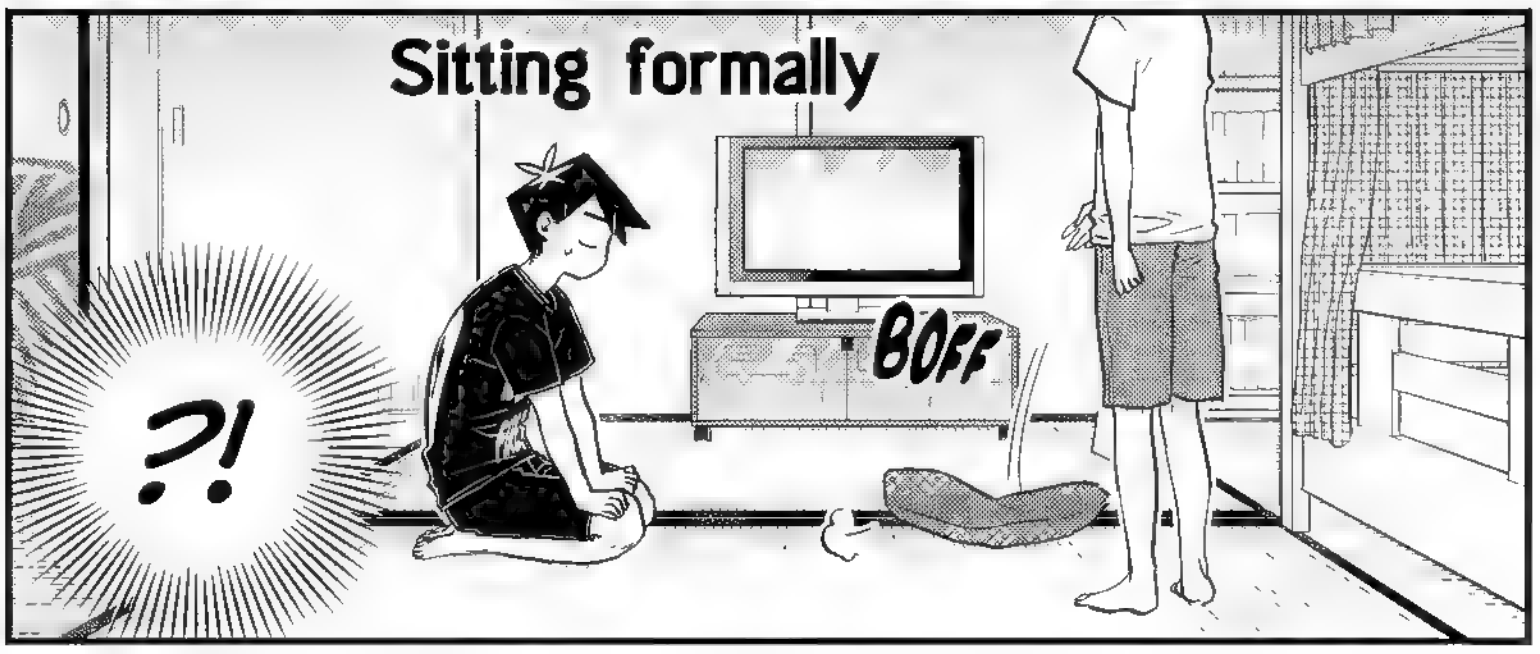
YEAH, BUT IT'S HARD!! SO *YOU* DO IT!!

BUT YOU WERE THE ONE WHO WANTED TO DO THIS!!

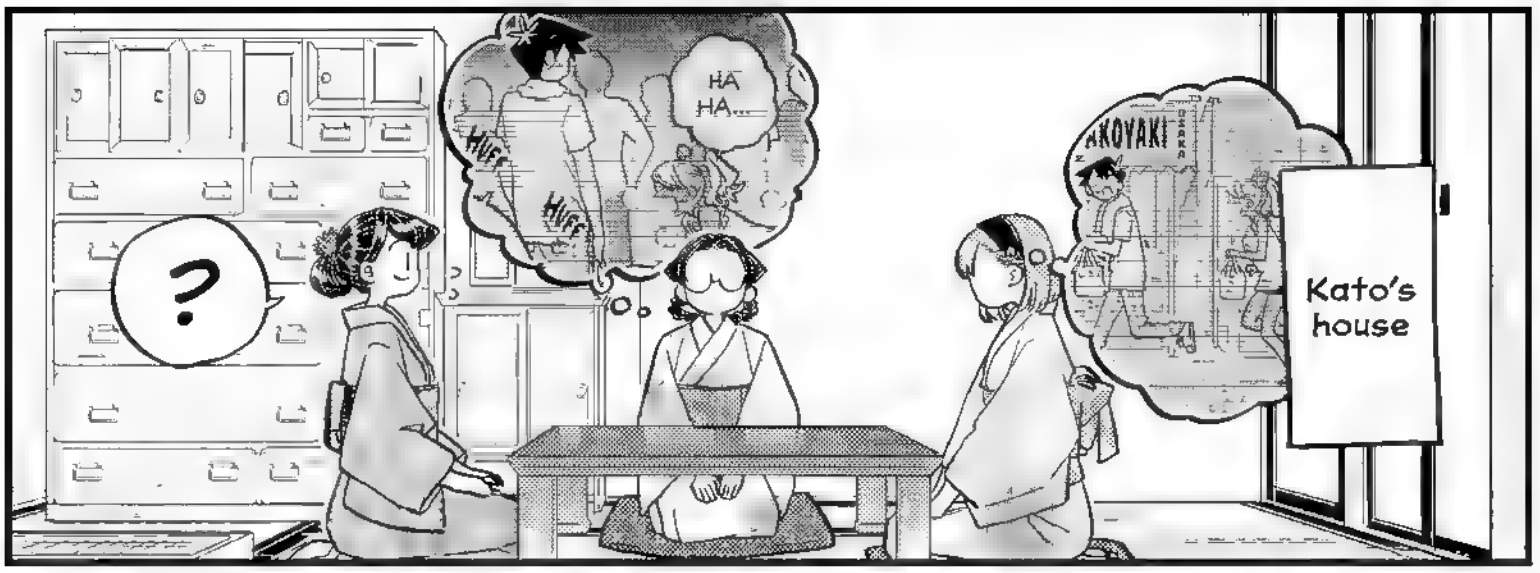
Tadano's house
IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION.
OKAY?


SO COME WITH ME.
NO, JUST ASK ME HERE.

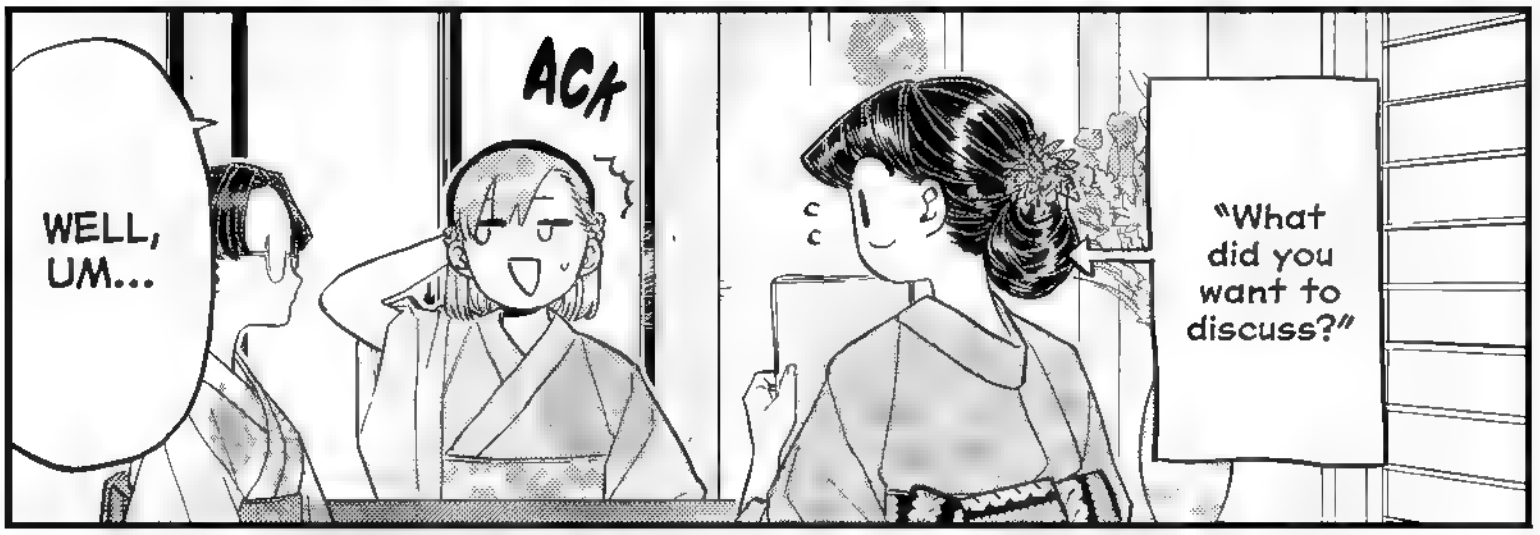

COME. WITH. ME.
?!

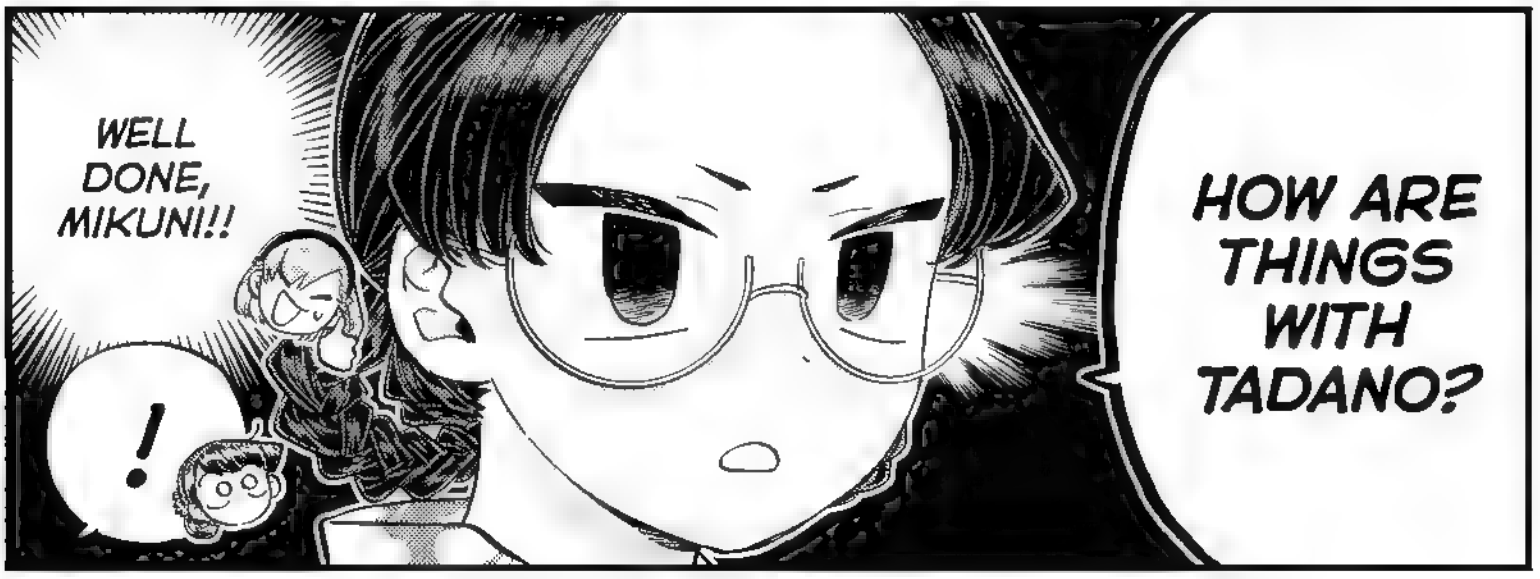

Sitting formally
BOFF
?!

WHAS-SUP!
WHAS-SUP?
Yuka-poyo's house
THANKS!
They're still hot.
I BROUGHT THE MUNCHIES YOU REQUESTED.
MUTAN ASKED FOR CALPAS WATER, BUT...
$1.35!
Gyaru's Rules
You have to bid for munchies.
YA-H
YA-I
$1.10!
$1.30!
$1.20!
...THE BIDDING STARTS AT ONE DOLLAR!!


?
HUFF
HUFF
HA HA...
AKOYAKI
DASHIKA
Kato's house

SKRK
SKRK


WELL, UM...
ACK
"What did you want to discuss?"


WELL DONE, MIKUNI!!
!
HOW ARE THINGS WITH TADANO?

UH, YES.
A GIRL GAVE YOU VALENTINE'S DAY CHOCOLATE, RIGHT?
Tadano's house
?!
LET'S CALL HER THE *FIRST PARTY.*

YES, THAT'S RIGHT.
AND YOU (HEREINAFTER THE *SECOND PARTY*) RETURNED THE FAVOR ON WHITE DAY.
WHY ARE YOU ASKING?!
ON THAT OCCASION, THE SECOND PARTY SAID HE "PAYS EXTRA ATTENTION" TO THE FIRST PARTY. IS THAT STILL TRUE?

HEY, BAGIKO?

?

YOU CRACK ME UP, GONZALES! SAY MORE FUNNY STUFF!!

I PLAY BY JUNGLE RULZ!

HEY, THAT KEBAB WAS FOR ME!

Yuka-poyo's house

HUH ?!

GOT GAME, GIRL?

DO YOU HAVE A CRUSH?

...

CHILL IT, SKILLET!

?

HUUUH?! W-W-WHY?! EVERYTHING'S TOTALLY... NORMAL!!

?!

WE DA INQUI-SITION!

CAN WE GUESS WHO IT IS?

Kato's house

"Nothing has happened."

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?

EVEN THE SMALLEST DETAIL IS SIGNIFICANT.

...

...!

YOU JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING!! WRITE IT DOWN!!!

NOW!!

?!

?!

Tadano taught me how to ride a bicycle.

NO, WE DON'T MEAN LIKE—

They digressed.

WAIT. TELL US MORE.

Tadano's house

OKAY, UM...

OTHER-WISE, ANSWER "NO."

IF YOUR FEELINGS HAVEN'T CHANGED OR HAVE DEEPENED, ANSWER "YES."

...

...

YES.

Y...

...

What's with you?!

INTENSE

N-NO!!

IS IT THIS GUY?

Yuka-poyo's house

UH, NO.

I BET IT'S THIS MACHO GUY.

KU-MA

...

FWP FWP

HOW ABOUT THIS LI'L CUTIE!

They never even noticed Tadano.

HUH?! THERE ISN'T ANYBODY ELSE!!

...

Because she demanded details

HUFF HUFF

WE GOT OFF TOPIC.

Kato's house

...

JAB

Signaling Kato to ask about the festival

...

JAB

...

KLASHHHHHHHHHH

?!

...!!!

Terms of discussion— If you have feelings for her, answer "Yes." Otherwise, answer "No."

Tadano's house

Y...

YES.

BURN FIRE!

IS THERE A *THIRD* PARTY?

A W-WHAT?

IS THERE A THIRD PARTY?!

NO!

?!

OH, YES THERE IS!!

WHAT IS HER PROBLEM ?!

THERE IS TOO A THIRD PARTY !!!

GASP

IS IT SHOKOTASO?

Yuka-poyo's house

NO!!

ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!

GASP

I MEAN, I DO LIKE KOMI!

BUT THERE'S ANOTHER BOY, RIGHT?!

HUH? BUT HE'S SO ORDINARY!

YOU LIKE CHICK MAGNETS!

I THOUGHT YOU'D PICK A *BAD BOY!*

AHHAHA

AND I THOUGHT YOU'D PICK A *CUTIE!*

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT TADANO AND RUMIKO?
K
SHE SAID IT!
ULP... HERE GOES!
Kato's house
Y-YEAH! IT WAS, YOU KNOW, NOTICE-ABLE!!
...AND I SORTA WON-DERED ABOUT THAT!
THEY LOOKED KINDA CLOSE AT THE FESTIVAL ...
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK
SKRK

GRAH

ENOUGH WITH THE LEGALESE!

HOW WOULD YOU HANDLE A THIRD PARTY BYPASSING THE FIRST PARTY AND CONFESSING HER FEELINGS TO THE SECOND PARTY?!

Tad■no's house

BUT...

...I SUPPOSE I WOULD ...

...HEAR HER OUT.

Yuka-poyo's house

T-TADANO...

LOVE

...DOES HAVE SOME GOOD POINTS.

?!

WHOH?

Kato's house

I'm glad they get along well.

?!

SHUT UP!

DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA.

BUT NOT YOU TADA, NOT.

YOU CAN COME IF YOU WANT TO.

GRRRR

SORRY

"They didn't before."

?!

YOU'RE MISSING THE POINT!!

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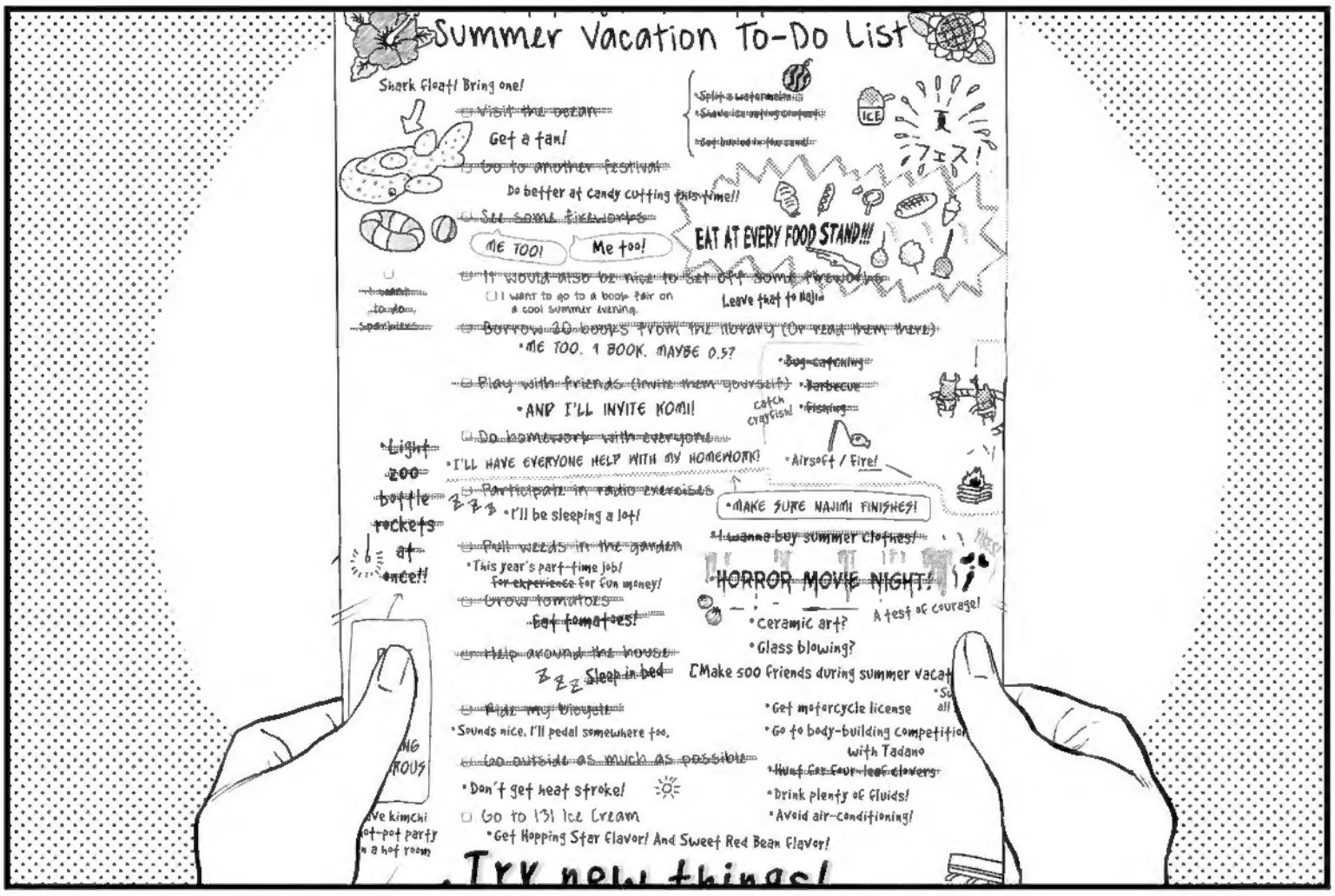
Komi Can't Communicate Bonus

Can Komi Complete Her Summer To-Do List? White Clouds, Red Tomatoes, Blue Summer


Summer Vacation To-Do List
Shark Float! Bring one!
Get a tan!
Do better at candy cutting this time!!
EAT AT EVERY FOOD STAND!!!
ME TOO!
Me too!
Leave that to Najimi
•ME TOO. 1 BOOK. MAYBE 0.5?
•AND I'LL INVITE KOMI!
•I'LL HAVE EVERYONE HELP WITH MY HOMEWORK!
•I'll be sleeping a lot!
•MAKE SURE NAJIMI FINISHES!
•This year's part-time job!
•Ceramic art?
•Glass blowing?
•Sounds nice. I'll pedal somewhere too.
•Don't get heat stroke!
•Get motorcycle license
•Drink plenty of fluids!
•Avoid air-conditioning!
•Get Hopping Star flavor! And Sweet Red Bean flavor!
Try new things!

Komi Can't Communicate Bonus

I SHOULD GROW SOME NEXT YEAR.
"The skin was a little tough, but they tasted good."
DID YOU EAT THE TOMATOES YOU GREW?
OH, RIGHT. AT YOUR GRAND-MOTHER'S.
"Yes. Stag beetles with Inaka."
YOU CAUGHT BUGS TOO.
(Happy she made Tadano laugh)
...
AH HA HA!
"But I couldn't touch them."
Was in the bath-room
WE GOING SOME-WHERE?
!!
I'm for it!!!
NOD NOD
SHALL WE GO LATER FOR A BREAK?
WE STILL HAVEN'T GONE TO 131 ICE CREAM.

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